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2 more suspects in Kagman rape fall

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Police have arrested two more male suspects, including a juvenile, who allegedly took part in the kidnapping and gang rape of a 16-year-old student in Kagman.

Ex-convict Joseph Cabrera Camacho Jr., 31, and a male juvenile were arrested in the last two days on Saipan. This brings to four the number of men arrested in the case.

Camacho and the juvenile were brought to the Superior Court yesterday on charges of

kidnapping, sexual assault, sexual abuse of a minor, aggravated assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman set bail at \$100,000 cash for each suspect. The juvenile's hearing was sealed.

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Senators: Casino commissioners resubmit to pay cut «Tinian lawmakers, officials call for freeze hiring, work hour reduction

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After reinstating their annual salary of \$75,000, members of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission resubmitted themselves to a 20-percent pay cut amid projected revenue of only \$2.541 million in Fiscal Year 2011, senators said yesterday.

But Tinian Mayor Ramon M.

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Four polling places may be relocated if the board of commissioners approves the recommendation of Commonwealth Election

Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero.

Guerrero made the recommendation after determining that four existing polling stations do not meet the requirements of the election law, which mandates that

polling stations should have a radius of at least 300 feet from candidates' booths on election days.

Guerrero is proposing that three polling stations in San Vicente Elementary School be

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Kilili breaks silence on 'hungriest' label

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With CNMI budgetary concerns yet to be resolved, the municipality of Tinian has implemented its own austerity measures within their office, including a voluntary cut on employees' work hours.

Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* Monday that some of his staff are taking a day off each pay period on a voluntary and rotating basis.

Dela Cruz said these employees take turns in taking one work day off to help minimize

personnel costs.

"We're going to have at least half a million dollars deficit by the end of fiscal year. If we don't do austerity [measures], we're going to be in big trouble," said the Tinian mayor.

According to Dela Cruz, the cutback on work hours is voluntary since only the Legislature is authorized to enforce it.

"The House and the Senate are still struggling to find the right formula for the austerity. Until such time, everything's going to be voluntary," he said.

Dela Cruz said the Tinian municipal treasury has also voluntarily reduced 8 hours of work per week. Their salaries are sourced

from local revenues, he said.

FTEs

To further cut expenses, Dela Cruz said his office did not fill all 139 positions assigned to them.

Right now, the Tinian municipality has 111 full-time employees.

When asked how many of his FTEs have volunteered to cut their work hours, Dela Cruz said he is not sure but he spoke well of his staff since "a lot of them are very supportive" of the austerity measure.

Dela Cruz pointed out, though, that they are still waiting for the Legislature to agree on austerity measures for FY2011 that would require even Saipan and Rota employees to go through pay cuts.

"It's only fair that if I'm going to cut [the hours of] my employees, Saipan and Rota should do the same," he added.

Commissioners

The Tinian mayor earlier asked the commissioners of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission to voluntarily cut their work hours so they can "lead by example."

Each of the five TCGCC commissioners is limited to serve only one term of six years and is entitled to receive compensation between \$50,000 and \$75,000 annually.

According to Dela Cruz, the commissioners initially agreed to have their work hours cut but they said the mayor does not have authority to do so. They are now back to 80 work hours, he said.

"If you want the employees to

volunteer their cuts, then you guys have to take the lead, show them that you're serious about cutting costs. If the boss doesn't want to cut, how do you expect the subordinates to cut?" he asked.

Dela Cruz also said he is trying to get the Legislature to pass the local budget that would reflect the 20-percent work hour-cut that he requested for FY2011. "That's the only way we can legally cut the [casino] commissioners' salaries," he added.

Continuing budget

At present, Dela Cruz said Tinian has been under a continuing budget resolution from FY 2006, which is \$4.9 million.

Since then, Dela Cruz said, revenue from the lone casino on Tinian, the Tinian Dynasty Casino & Hotel, has steadily declined.

"Now we're barely making \$2 million and we're still operating at \$4.9 million. So you continue to incur unfunded liability... Why [would] you continue to spend the money [that you don't have]?" he said.

Dela Cruz, who also underscored the obligations they inherited from the previous administration, said they would not know where they stand financially unless the Legislature approves a budget they can work with.

"That's why I want them to pass a realistic budget based on real revenue generation. Otherwise, I'm going to continue to build my debts up... We're going to drown," said the mayor.

4 Rota nurses back to work; 2 local hires chosen for new nursing posts

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Four nonresident nurses and one auxiliary staff returned to work at the Rota Health Center on Monday, and two local hires have already been selected to fill in the two new full-time employee positions opened at the center, Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) and Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola separately told *Saipan Tribune*.

Mendiola said the two nurses are considered "local hires."

Santos said these two nurses are just waiting for the Office of Personnel Management to process their papers.

The four nonresident nurses and one auxiliary staff still have existing contracts with the Saipan Employment Agency and Services.

Santos said the other five nurses whose contracts with SEAS already expired "are still being considered."

She said the four SEAS nurses and one SEAS auxiliary staff will complement the services provided by three locally hired nurses, one pharmacist, and eight nursing assistants. These still do not include the two new locally hired

nurses already selected but have not started work yet.

"I could say that right now, there's no shortage of nurses on Rota. The center has done its best to make sure there's no disruption in the delivery of health care services," Santos said, adding that nurses from the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan were temporarily brought to the Rota Health Center for only a week.

That's when SEAS nurses stopped reporting for work, citing lack of contracts and non-payment of full wages.

Lawmakers, the Fitial administration, and municipal leaders have left it up to SEAS to negotiate with its nine nurses and one auxiliary staff on Rota about their continued employment, following these employees' decision not to report for work until they have a new contract and are paid their normal wages.

SEAS said it will continue to employ these nurses. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial declared a state of emergency for the CNMI in July to suspend laws and rules and allow the reprogramming of funds to avert a nursing crisis on Rota and Tinian.

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Bill seeks to make driver's education optional for first-time drivers in NMI

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Learning how to drive need not be costly for many young people in the CNMI.

This is what Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) intends to achieve when he pre-filed a bill seeking to give young individuals an option to learn how to drive in the company of a licensed driver over 21 years old, other than paying \$350 to attend a driver's education class for first-time drivers.

Torres' House Bill 17-95 also lowers the age requirement for obtaining a learner's permit.

It seeks to offer a learner's permit at the age of 15-and-a-half, and "allowing the learner to drive with this permit in the company of a licensed adult over the age of 21...until the learner reaches the age of 16."

This means parents or relatives with valid driver's licenses and over 21 years old can teach teens how to drive.

"At 16 years of age or older, the learner will then be permitted to take the driver's test and if it is passed, then he or she becomes a licensed driver at the age of 16, or older in the case of older first-time drivers," Torres said in his bill.

Torres' bill makes it clear that it "does not inhibit the private sector to offer Student Driver Education programs, and for

the Public School System and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to offer driver training programs at their own discretion."

There is only one commercial business on Saipan that offers a certified driver's education class for first time drivers: The Instructional Support Training Services, which owns and operates the Driver Training Academy.

At present, the driver's education class costs some \$350 per person.

"Most families cannot afford to pay \$350 for their child or children to take the driver's education class. As a result, many driving age students do not possess a driver's license but continue to illegally drive on the streets of Saipan, thereby defeating the purpose of making the roads safer on Saipan," the bill said in its findings and purpose.

On Rota and Tinian, there is no commercial business that presently offers driver's education classes to the public. As such, the Department of Public Safety suspended the mandatory education class requirement for first-time drivers on Rota and Tinian.

"So as it stands, most of the driving age students of Rota and Tinian possess a driver's license and are legally driving on the streets while Saipan students are illegally driving because they cannot afford to pay for the

driver's education class which is required to obtain their driver's license," the bill said.

HB 17-95 seeks to repeal Public Law 15-25, Article 4 (Mandatory Drivers Education) in Chapter 2 in Division 2 of Title 9; the Rules and Regulations promulgated under PL 15-25, NMI Administrative Code, Title 150, Subchapter 150-50.6; and Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2203(e).

The bill raises the age from 16 to 18 of those who can operate bigger vehicles.

If the bill is enacted into law, learner's permits will become valid for six months instead of the current 60 days from the date of issue.

The bill imposes a learner's permit fee of \$15, to be paid to the CNMI Treasury, and \$10 for each duplicate or substitute permit issued.

Another bill, Senate Bill 17-20, proposes to temporarily suspend the mandatory driver education prerequisite of PL 15-25 for CNMI students. It also seeks to authorize PSS to establish a student driver education program.

But PSS said it does not want to offer driver's education classes as SB 17-20 requires, because this will mean liability for PSS. It said PSS is a self-insured entity and it would have to shoulder the costs for any potential accidents or injuries.

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CUC sets power outage in Kagman 3

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a three-hour power outage affecting the Kagman homestead area on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010.

The power outage on three laterals in the Feeder 4, second partial, will be from 7:30am to 10:30am, and will affect Gaogao Dr., Nonnak Ave. and Chute Ct. in the Kagman 3 area.

CUC linemen will be conducting repairs and maintenance to the electrical circuit in the area.

"This is part of an ongoing maintenance program that will involve the replacement of 40 defective pole top pins and 40

defective insulators. In addition, inspections will be conducted on other pole hardware such as cross arms, saddle pins, cutouts, brackets, guy wires, and lighting arrestors," said CUC in a statement issued yesterday.

Because of the extreme danger in working on energized lines, CUC said the power outage is necessary to ensure safety of line crews.

These maintenance activities, along with others to be announced later, are part of efforts to minimize storm disruptions as the CNMI enters typhoon season, CUC added. (CUC)

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Last public hearing on status of alien workers tonight in Kagman

The last of the seven public hearings to gauge public sentiment on the U.S. Department of the Interior's report recommending improved immigration status for alien workers will be held tonight.

The public hearing will be held at the Kagman Community Center, from 6pm to 9pm.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chairman of the Federal Relations and Independent Agencies Committee, said they're hoping for a high turnout tonight as it will be the last public hearing.

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, called on nonresidents to attend the public hearing to air their support for the Interior report, which the Fitial administration is opposing.

Senate President Paul A. Man-

glona (R-Rota) said the committee will come up with a report on the results of the public hearing, and it will be provided to the U.S. Congress, which Interior said will decide on its recommendations.

The Senate committee's first public hearing was held on June 23 on Saipan. Succeeding public hearings were held on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Interior gave five recommendations to improve the status of alien workers who have been lawfully residing in the CNMI for at least five years, including allowing them to be conferred U.S. citizenship by the U.S. Congress, granting them permanent residency status leading to U.S. citizenship, or granting them a status similar to those given to Freely Associated States citizens. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

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Preliminary hearing in Camacho's case was set for Aug. 9, 2010 at 9am.

Camacho has a prior conviction for sexual abuse of a minor in 1999.

Based on police investigation, it was the juvenile who first beat up the victim and raped her, according to detective Melissa H. Bauleong's report. The incident happened in the morning of June 16, 2010.

Bauleong said the victim had earlier told investigators that one of her attackers is also a Kagman High School student.

Bauleong said that Angel Jess Santos, a resident of Kagman III, was identified as one of the suspects through the course of their investigation. Santos, 21, was the first one arrested on June 18.

Bauleong said that on Monday, Aug. 2, Santos provided them information on the case and signed an agreement to plead guilty to conspiracy to commit sexual assault.

Santos identified the two other suspects in the case, Bauleong said, in the statement he gave in the presence of counsel.

Bauleong said Santos claimed that on that morning of June 16, he had gone to the CYC Store in Kagman to buy some items. As he was leaving the store, he saw his friends—the juvenile and Camacho—smoking at the back of the store. Santos said it was the juvenile who invited him to go with them to go “pull,” which he thought meant to get betel nut. Santos said he dropped the items he bought at his house, then went back to the group at the store.

At this point, Santos said, 33-year-old Ivan Castro arrived and parked his pickup truck behind the store. A few moments later, the group saw the victim passing by. The four then got into the truck.

As Camacho drove the truck parallel to the victim, the juvenile asked her for her backpack. The girl refused, ignored him, and continued walking along the gravel road behind the store.

Without warning, Camacho alleg-

edly stopped the truck and the juvenile got down and started punching the victim in the head. The juvenile allegedly managed to put the girl into the truck, closed the door, and continued punching her on the head and other parts of the body, making her unconscious.

Camacho then drove the truck to Tank Beach, where the juvenile allegedly raped her. Camacho and Castro later took turns raping the victim, Bauleong said.

Santos claimed he only served as a lookout.

Santos said they all got back on the truck and proceeded to an abandoned house a few blocks north of CYC Store where they left behind the still unconscious victim.

Santos said his companions dropped him off at CYC Store.

The victim told police that when she regained consciousness, she was by an abandoned house several houses behind CYC Store.

Police said the victim identified Castro and Santos in a photo lineup as two of the men who attacked her.

SENATORS

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Dela Cruz, in a July 30 budget submission, recommended that commissioners' salaries be cut from \$75,000 to \$50,000, or by 33 percent.

Just the same, Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, commended the commissioners for volunteering the pay cut.

Sen. Henry H. San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian) separately applauded the commissioners, adding that this time “they have put it in writing.”

The five-member commission is led by chair Francisco M. Borja. Its members include vice chair Ignacio K. Quichocho, Peter Q. Cruz Jr., Michael H. San Nicolas, and Bernadita C. Palacios. Two commissioners are brothers of senators.

Calls to the commissioners,

through the commission office, were not returned as of press time.

Some Tinian residents said it is only “prudent” that commissioners agree to cut their salaries given the tough economic conditions on the island.

Hofschneider, San Nicolas and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), during a delegation session yesterday afternoon, adopted a resolution requesting the Tinian Municipality from hiring employees until the Tinian Municipal Council and the Tinian Legislative Delegation enact a budget.

Hofschneider said he will be calling for a joint leadership budget meeting next week.

The commissioners' salaries are sourced from revenues collected from the casino on island.

Since 1998, Tinian Dynasty Casino & Hotel has been the sole casino operator on Tinian.

Tinian lawmakers said the drastic reduction in projected

casino revenue “requires the Tinian leadership to reevaluate the budget of certain programs and offices in the municipality,” and to require a “hiring freeze on all vacant or new positions” until a new budget is enacted.

Budget submission

The commissioners' decision came a few days after the mayor submitted an FY 2011 budget proposal of \$2,378,875, certified and concurred by the Tinian Municipal Treasurer and the Commission, respectively.

Dela Cruz's addressed his budget submission to Hofschneider and Tinian Municipal Council chair Patrick A. Manglona.

The mayor said revenue projection for FY 2011 is \$2,541,200, which is 52 percent less than the FY 2006 local budget.

The last time that Tinian passed a local budget was in FY 2006.

The mayor said with such a

drastic drop in projected revenue, there should be a 20 percent or over \$1.447 million reduction in personnel costs.

Tinian's full-time employees of 26 account for over \$1.809 million in personnel costs.

His recommended changes are to bring all ungraded positions receiving over \$50,000 a year to \$50,000, and to reduce commissioners' salaries to \$50,000 each.

All ungraded positions with an annual salary of below \$50,000 will be cut by 15 percent.

Dela Cruz said the casino commission will be given a lump sum approximately 12.5 percent less than its current funding level, and will be required to adjust personnel to operate within that funding level.

The mayor said the operating funds for the casino commission, the Office of the Mayor of Tinian, and the Municipal Treasurer's Office will be given in a lump sum amount, exclud-

ing office rental, to provide each agency with flexibility.

Dela Cruz said public programs will account for approximately 12.5 percent of the total budget, and debt service will account for some 15.5 percent of the total budget.

But the mayor's proposed FY 2011 budget will still be subject to the delegation and the municipal council's approval.

Patrick Manglona, chairman of the Tinian Municipal Council, said yesterday that the council “is in complete agreement [with the mayor's budget request] that necessary cuts must be made to ensure that we do not continue to incur further liabilities that we cannot afford at this time.”

He said he and his colleagues are “ready to act on a new budget that is realistic and fair for citizens of Tinian.”

“We know that cutting people's salaries is going to hurt. It is not a good feeling to have to bear the burden of upsetting

someone's personal finances. At this time, we don't have other options. Everyone must equally share the burden,” he said in a one-page statement.

In his statement, he reiterated that the municipality has to pay for Retirement Fund contributions, the U.S. Geological Survey, employee lump-sum payments, and vendors.

Deficit

Manglona said he was informed that by the end of FY 2010 on Sept. 30, the Municipality of Tinian may have a “projected deficit of \$480,000 at the CNMI side.”

“There is the potential that those employed under the CNMI budget will not see two paychecks at the end of the fiscal year. This is yet another money problem which must be addressed and at the end of the day, our community will look at us elected officials for solutions,” he added.

RELOCATION

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transferred to Dandan Elementary School because of the roadwork being done in the area and the inconvenience it would cause the voters on Nov. 2.

Because fencing at the Koblerville Elementary School is very close to the road, it was found out that the polling site also fails to meet the required 300-foot radius requirement of 1 CMC subsec-

tion 6528. It was recommended that the polling station be relocated to Koblerville Youth Center for more space.

Guerrero also recommended the transfer of the San Antonio polling site to Hopwood Junior High School for the same reason.

In Chalan Kanoa, voters may cast their ballots at Joeten Kiyu Public Library if the election board approves the proposed relocation from the municipal council office.

Guerrero pointed out that it

is important to comply with the election law which, in this particular case, only wants to ensure the safety of voters and to avoid intimidation during election day.

Last year, the Election Commission relocated the entrance for the polling station at the Garapan Elementary School from the front gate to the back to avoid inconvenience to voters and to meet the requirement of the law.

The agency also relocated in the last general election the voting sites on Tinian from Tinian

Youth Center to the Tinian Elementary School.

Guerrero said the board is expected to take action on his recommendation in their next meeting.

He said the transfer of these polling sites will not incur additional expenses for the commission.

'Voters' statistics'

The Election Commission has recorded a total of 16,346 registered voters on three islands as

of July 2.

For the Nov. 2 election, registration will be ongoing until Sept. 13.

According to the CEC Web site, Saipan has 13,280 registered voters as of July 2 while Tinian has 1,443 and Rota, 1,623.

From just over 16,000 voters in the last general election in 2009, the commission expects a significant jump in the number this year, eyeing more than 18,000 due to new registrations.

Guerrero disclosed that there are two initiatives that have already been transmitted to the commission while another one has yet to reach his office.

Today is the deadline for the filing of candidacies and initiatives for the November election.

To date, CEC has yet to receive any funding for the election. One of the biggest expense it will immediately need funding for is the printing of ballots, which would be done after the certification of nominations.

KILILI

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among U.S. Congress lawmakers for spending the highest amount on food, saying he spent the money to reimburse his staff for their food purchases when they travel to and from Washington D.C.

“Yes, I found [the report] embarrassing...but I didn't eat that food,” he explained.

Sablan said he employs 18 staff members who don't get any per diem allowances when

they travel to and from Washington, D.C. Instead, he allows them to be reimbursed for their food costs.

“Members of my staff don't have per diem. Obviously, when they travel here, I usually send them from seven to 10 days, so I am obligated to provide them the food. And so those are the things that add up,” said Sablan.

He clarified that he can't send his staff to the CNMI for just one to two days because of the high cost of travel so they do everything they have to do while on Saipan, which extends their

stay for up to 10 days.

Although his office did spend a lot of money on food costs, Sablan said he is not going to send his staff on important travels and tell them not to eat.

“We spent a lot of money...we did...but I am not going to hold my staff and say don't eat,” he added.

Sablan pointed out that he was among the “thriftiest” lawmakers in Congress last year, returning some \$400,000 in unspent allowances.

Ray Dela Cruz, chairman of the committee to elect Sablan,

also defended his candidate, saying the amount is minimal compared to Sablan's responsibilities and duties.

“The \$23,000 [food cost] in that span of time is not really that much when you compare it to his obligations. There are a lot of students that come, people who visit the office. It's very embarrassing to see that and label him as such...because he may be hungry for attention in Washington but not hungry for food,” said Dela Cruz, adding that they understand that this is part of “politics.”

while her travel expenses were also described as “quite high.”

In June 2009, the Web site Politico.com tagged Sablan as among the thriftiest congressman, spending less than \$175,000 of his representational allowance.

The total allowance given to members each year is determined by a formula set by the Committee on House Administration, according to Politico.com. That calculation takes into account the distance of the representative's district from the capital and the cost of rent for the member's district offices.

Kilili submits re-election bid for delegate post



Independent candidate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, standing center, is flanked by his family and supporters after he filed his certificate of candidacy yesterday noon at the Commonwealth Election Commission.

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Incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan completed the slate of candidates for the four-way November election when he filed his certificate of candidacy yesterday noon at

the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Sablan, accompanied by his family members and supporters, was the fourth one to formally signify an interest in the position.

The other candidates are Covenant Party's Joseph Camacho, Republican Party's Juan N. Ba-

bauta, and Democratic Party's Jesus Borja.

In a statement, Sablan said his office belongs to the people of Northern Mariana Islands.

"This office belongs to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands' is a sign I placed at the entrance to our office in Con-

gress. It is a reminder for me and all those who work with me of why we are there, and who we work for," said Sablan.

Sablan renewed his promised to represent the Commonwealth with "honor, hard work, and a vision for the future."

"We have done much in the

less than two years that we have been in Congress. And we can continue the progress we have made, building on our experience, the trust we have earned and the friendships we have established there," he added.

Priorities

Sablan vowed to continue working on initiatives, particularly on education, health care, water and wastewater, as well as infrastructure development.

"I believe the future of the CNMI is in the education of our people. Our own prosperity depends on the education of our people so I will continue this initiative," he said.

Ray Dela Cruz, chairman of the committee to elect Sablan, sees his candidate's status as independent an advantage for the CNMI.

"Because he's not bound to a political agenda...either in D.C. or here. He is bound on the constituents," Dela Cruz added.

He said "continuity" is key in getting good results from the federal government.

"Continuity in D.C. is key to continue getting assistance and recognition in D.C. If we continue to keep on electing [new ones], we will start all over again..." he added.

Humbled

When asked about his chances in this year's election, Sablan said: "All of them are my strongest contenders...and I wouldn't be here if I didn't think I have a chance to win."

Sablan said he is humbled by his experience in Congress and has been treated very well by his colleagues.

Sablan's father, Jesus Diaz Sablan, also urged the public to place their trust in his son.

"The Kilili family's commitment to public service is more aptly said in the words of our Commonwealth anthem that my father and Kilili's grandfather wrote. Our Commonwealth anthem has brought to our islands and people a sense of identify and belonging to this place we all love and call home," said Jesus Diaz Sablan.

Camacho: People's voice is not being heard in DC

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Covenant Party bet Joseph Camacho submitted yesterday the necessary petition signatures to secure his name on the ballot for the next delegate of the CNMI.

Camacho filed his certificate of candidacy with the Election Commission yesterday morning with his family and supporters, led by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

"Over the coming weeks, I will continue my efforts to talk to every voter in the CNMI and explain my platform to represent them in Washington. I recognize that the people's voice is not being heard in Washington and I pledge that when elected I will never forget the values and voice of every single resident of our beautiful islands," said Camacho.

He believes that people will consider his advanced degree in public administration and law degree as advantages over the other candidates.

Besides these credentials, Camacho said his continuous law practice and his experience at the Legislature are plus factors.

Camacho described himself as a hardworking individual who delivers whatever is needed to accomplish his job. Among the notable legislations that were enacted into law during Camacho's tenure at the Legislature was the CNMI Juvenile Justice Act, which he shares credit with the juvenile task force.

Camacho declined to comment when asked about a recent Web article on incumbent delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, saying, "I prefer not to comment on that...because I am campaigning for my issues."

'Honest, heartfelt leadership'

Fitial expressed yesterday his full support for Camacho's candidacy.

"I am so proud and honored to be standing side by side with Joe Camacho as we continue to battle to bring honest and heartfelt leadership to the U.S. House of Representatives. It is vitally important to the success of our Commonwealth that we have a delegate that fights for



Covenant Party candidate Joseph Camacho, standing center, poses with his family and supporters after filing his certificate of candidacy yesterday morning at the Commonwealth Election Commission. Behind Camacho is Gov. Benigno R. Fitial who strongly backed Camacho's bid for delegate.

us, not against us. We deserve a champion who recognizes the humility it takes to be a good public servant, not someone who is more concerned with getting credit for things that should be the standard," said the governor.

Fitial continued: "With Joe Camacho serving the people in Congress, I am confident that he will carry the wishes of our people to Washington and return with resources our Commonwealth rightly deserves and is currently lacking. Some

have commented that the only resources we need are financial; they couldn't be more wrong. Our Commonwealth needs the U.S. federal Government to understand that significant changes in current public law are needed to allow for long term financial stability."

Camacho, for his part, said he is honored to have received the support not only of the governor and the Covenant Party, but also the hundreds of people that believe in his candidacy to put the "Commonwealth First," not

self-interest.

Also in attendance were the Covenant Party chair Grego-

rio Camacho and Committee to elect Joe Camacho chair Felix Nogis.

DYS to recognize CNMI youth leaders in Aug.

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For the first time, the Division of Youth Services will acknowledge young members of the community who have exemplified commendable leadership qualities during the culmination of the Summer Youth Leadership Camp on Aug. 21.

"This is to recognize hard-working youth and, hopefully, with that we can inspire others," said Vivian Sablan, DYS overall parent leadership committee chairperson.

Sablan said they usually have

parent leadership months during which they recognize admirable parents of CNMI youngsters.

Since the months of June, July, and August have been declared as Youth Leadership months, Sablan said it is only fitting this time to recognize commendable young members of the community.

According to Sablan, they sent out invitations to various schools and youth organizations, asking them to submit male and female nominees for youth leaders who deserve recognition.

Sablan said they received

nominees from 12 organizations. Of the 24 names that were submitted, DYS will acknowledge one male and one female youth leaders.

DYS conducted two summer youth leadership camps this year. The ongoing camp in Kagman, which began on July 26 and will end on Saturday, is the village's inaugural camp.

Another camp, to be held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, is slated for Aug. 9 to 21.

Aside from recognizing youth leaders at the conclusion of the camp, Sablan said they have prepared fun games and ac-

tivities for campers, including a puppet show, courtesy of Grace Christian Academy students.

The Summer Youth Leadership Camp aims to provide students ages 6 to 13 worthwhile activities while on summer vacation.

Although the camp is free of charge, Sablan said they require \$5 from each participant for insurance coverage during the camp.

Registration for the camp to be held at the gym is open until noon on Aug. 6, Friday. For more information, call Vivian Sablan at 322-4673.

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NMC official: Show-cause sanction was not a 'political' decision

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A Northern Marianas College official downplayed yesterday beliefs that the show-cause sanction recently imposed on the college was prompted by the accrediting commission's "political agenda" and that NMC doesn't deserve the sanction.

"It's more because of paradigm shift in education than political [reasons]," accreditation liaison officer Galvin Deleon Guerrero told members of the Saipan Rotary Club yesterday.

Deleon Guerrero pointed out that the commission is composed of 19 voting members from member institutions who assess and review all accreditation issues.

"The commission president does not call the shots," said Deleon Guerrero.

He cited specific areas where NMC failed to meet the requirements and standards of the accrediting body.

"In the past 10 years, NMC had seven presidents. The instability of leadership is an issue.

The board has the authority to hire and dismiss president, but if you have seven presidents in just 10 years...it's a lot and that's a major concern," he said.

He conceded that the termination of former president Dr. Carmen Fernandez in April contributed to the sanction—again because of the college's unstable leadership.

"We have to understand that accreditation operates in a larger context and there was a paradigm shift in education from the 1980s to 1990s through the No Child Left Behind Act [in 2001]," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said that NMC is doing its best to address all the 10 commission recommendations.

The show-cause report is due on Oct. 15, followed by a visit from the commission. It will then decide on NMC's future status in January 2011 and there are three possible options: remove NMC from show-cause and place it on another sanction; continue the show-cause status; or revocation of accreditation.

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NMC files counterclaim vs Fernandez

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The Northern Marianas College has filed a counterclaim in federal court against former NMC president Carmen Fernandez.

NMC, through counsel Michael W. Dotts, filed claims of breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty against Fernandez.

NMC asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order Fernandez to pay damages to the college. It demanded a jury trial.

In NMC's claim for breach of contract, Dotts said the former college president failed to follow proper procedures when she changed the grades of some students, contravening NMC's grade change policy.

Dotts said Fernandez terminated or did not renew the employment contracts of several valued NMC faculty—to the detriment of the college. He said this also placed NMC at risk of litigation.

He said the former president also failed to fol-

low open and proper procurement processes in the retention of a consultant.

Dotts said Fernandez overlooked financial irregularities in certain program and failed to keep NMC properly informed of her actions through the board.

He said Fernandez became belligerent and combative with the board.

Dotts said the former president owed certain fiduciary duties to the college by virtue of her special position as a president of an educational institution.

In their answer to Fernandez's lawsuit, NMC and the four regents asked the court to enter a judgment in their favor.

Fernandez hailed NMC and regents Janet H. King, Maria Castro "Paz" Younis, Andrew L. Orsini, and Frank Rabauliman to court for allegedly depriving her of her good name and property, conspiracy, defamation, and conspiracy to defame her. She sued NMC for wrongful termination and breach of contract.

tions: warning, probation, show-cause, and termination.

Deleon Guerrero pointed out, though, that in the history of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, only one member has been terminated of its accreditation.

"We're hoping for complete reaffirmation," he added.

'No tuition hike'

NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, who also spoke during yesterday's meeting, also pooh-poohed the idea of raising students' tuition to generate more funds for the college.

"With our economy now, we really don't want to place the

burden on our students. Right now, the regents and the administration don't see in the immediate future raising our tuition," she said.

Cabrera said the college remains committed in its mission to serve students.

"It is easy to raise tuition... but when your priority is stu-

dents...you will never choose to hurt them," she added.

Cabrera also gave specific examples of direct government interference with the college's governance and operations such as the austerity measures and the proposed zeroing out of some key positions.

Cabrera said NMC must be given the authority to decide and look into which areas it will cut in its budget, instead of the government dictating where it should be implemented.

The appointment of Board of Regents members was also a concern raised by the accrediting commission.

Lawmakers ask CDA on status of \$140M bond reconciliation for Tinian project

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Lawmakers have asked the Commonwealth Development Authority for a status report on its reconciliation of a \$140 million bond so that \$1 million in interest earned from the bond can be reprogrammed for a Tinian project.

A new law signed on July 6 reprogrammed \$1 million from previous appropriations, for the renovation and rehabilitation of abandoned municipal buildings on Tinian.

At the time of the signing of the law, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked that the \$1 million be not reprogrammed until such time as CDA is able to reconcile its \$140 million bond.

The governor said CDA deobligated the original \$1 million appropriation funded by interest earned on the \$140 million bond.

"More than three weeks have passed since the enactment of Public Law 17-8 and the governor and the Tinian leadership have not received any information regarding the \$1,000 reprogrammed funds," Tinian Legislative Delegation chair Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider told CDA executive director Manuel A. Sablan.

The senator asked CDA to provide the delegation with a status report on its reconciliation of the bond "as soon as possible."

Hofschneider said CDA has yet to provide a status report as of yesterday.

The \$1 million was previously set aside for the architectural and engineering design and construction of a dialysis center on Tinian. But Rep. Trenton B. Conner (R-Tinian) said this amount is inadequate and asked that the \$1 million be reprogrammed instead for building renovations.

Reprogrammed funds will also be used to renovate or rehabilitate the Tinian Liaison Office, medical referral units, renovation, and egress parking lot pavement, Tinian Health Center needs, and other associated needs and repairs.

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New USCIS.gov features improve customer service

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WASHINGTON D.C.—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced yesterday the launch of new Web features designed to expand users' access to their case information. As part of USCIS's commitment to improve customer service, these enhancements include a new online inquiry tool and tailored case status information, as well as new features for Spanish-speaking customers available at USCIS.gov/espanol.

"We are committed to improving access to case status information and enhancing customer service through these innovative online features," said USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas. "Expanding services to our Spanish-speaking customers is in response to public feedback and our desire to meet the needs of those we serve."

Customers will now be able to submit an electronic inquiry directly to a USCIS Field Office or Service Center to request case status information if their Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card (Form I-90) or Application for Naturalization (Form N-400) is outside the posted processing times. This electronic inquiry system should reduce the need for customers to make *InfoPass* appointments to speak with USCIS representatives in person. Additionally, once the electronic inquiry is received, USCIS now commits to a 15-day customer response, reduced from the previous commitment to respond within 30 days.

Customers can now elect to receive e-mail updates about their case status in Spanish. They may also change their address online in Spanish. These expanded online options will enable USCIS to better interact with the Spanish-speaking segment of the public that it serves.

USCIS continues to advance its customer service enhancements through improved and expanded online services. Last summer, at the direction of President Obama, USCIS completely redesigned USCIS.gov, incorporating both internal and external stakeholder feedback. The redesign of USCIS.gov included the creation of the agency's first Spanish language Web site.

USCIS strives to be at the forefront of providing improved customer service through one of the most visited websites in the federal government. For more information on USCIS and its programs, visit www.uscis.gov. (USCIS)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

AUG. 4, 2000

Teno wants 902 talks resumed

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday underscored the need for the island government to open consultation talks again with the United States as provided under Section 902 of the Covenant, saying there are many issues that must be discussed on the table. "I would like to see the resumption [of the talks] as soon as possible because there are so many other issues that are arising," he told reporters in an interview. The statement came as President Clinton's special representative to the talks, Edward B. Cohen, criticized the process as a failure in a letter addressed to Mr. Tenorio when he resigned from the post.

Tax incentives to tourism investors alarm MVA

The Marianas Visitors Authority Board has expressed concern on the possible effects of a proposed measure that will provide tax incentives to CNMI businesses and potential investors on tourism-related projects on the agency's share of the hotel room tax. House Bill No. 12-233 provides for the establishment of a Governor's Commission composed of five members, whose task is to review tourist-related tax incentives for a period of five years. Members of the commission shall serve for a term of two years. According to the bill, the incentives will cover the renovation or expansion of an existing hotel provided that such work will be completed within five years and overseas tourism promotion.

AUG. 4, 2003

Lemons defends alien workers' head count

Faced with complaints from apparel makers that they are being unfairly targeted in the temporary freeze on the entry of new alien workers, acting Attorney General Clyde Lemons is insisting that the law being cited as basis for the temporary freeze refers specifically to garment manufacturers. "The Executive Branch didn't pass the statute; we have to enforce it, though. And that's what I'm doing," said Lemons. Lemons agreed that the Immigration Division was supposed to keep tabs on the number of nonresident garment workers in the CNMI but since it has not done so, the job of making sure that the head count is done now falls to him, with the transfer of Immigration from the Department of Labor to the Attorney General's Office.

GOP chooses Salas over Torres for Senate?

Concluding intense discussions among party leaders and members, the Republican Party reportedly chose Saturday to field Rep. Andrew Salas as its senatorial candidate over Rep. Stanley T. Torres. This has reportedly prompted Torres to call for a meeting yesterday afternoon among his supporters to discuss his next available options: To run for re-election under GOP banner or to run for the Senate as an independent candidate. Late reports last night, however, suggested another direction for the veteran lawmaker: He is reportedly eyeing running for re-election but as an independent candidate.

AUG. 4, 2004

Water meter, drill rig purchase contracts signed

Due to some delays in the funding approval and processing, acting Gov. Diego T. Benavente only signed yesterday the contracts for the purchase of 4,000 special meters and water drilling rig. "There was some hold up in the procurement process," said Benavente in an interview. Taskforce staff Felix Sablan said that the two projects received funding approval from the Department of the Interior only last June. "We didn't get approval from DOI until June 20 to start obligating the funds," said Sablan in a separate interview. Benavente, who chairs the Water Taskforce, said his team remains on target in terms of meeting its 24/24 water supply on Saipan in 2005.

MPLA wants review of commish expedited

Marianas Public Lands Authority chair Ana Demapan-Castro has urged the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Finance to expedite their review of alleged irregularities involving MPLA commissioner Henry Hofschneider. This came as Demapan-Castro warned Hofschneider of further disciplinary action if the AGO and Finance find that he had violated the law by altering a drawdown request without the approval of the MPLA Board of Directors. Based on documents obtained by the Saipan Tribune, Demapan-Castro asked Attorney General Pamela Brown and Finance Secretary Fermin Atalig to prioritize her request for an investigation.

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New report shows how government bailouts, stimulus helped the economy

It's popular, but unwise, to unload on the presidential responses to this deep recession.

Across the country, a disappointing number of political candidates of all stripes are lining up to bash the bank bailout, federal stimulus efforts and government loans. Their evidence of the failure of these policies promoted by President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama: Look around, and it's obvious the economy isn't back to what it once was, so we've saddled ourselves with debt for nothing.

This is dangerous thinking. Throughout this debate what has been missing is a comprehensive look at what the nation faced without the government response. There is one now, and the picture is eye-opening.

In fact, the report notes that not only would we still be deep in a recession and shedding millions more jobs, but the federal deficit would be a trillion dollars higher than now because of lower tax revenues.

Mark Zandi, chief economist for Moody's Analytics and former adviser to John McCain's presidential campaign, and Alan Blinder, a Princeton University economist and former economic adviser to President Bill Clinton, modeled the past and what might have happened without the much-derided government responses.

Their findings: "Effects on real Gross Domestic Product, jobs and inflation are huge, and probably averted what could have been called Great Depression 2.0. For example, we estimate that, without the government's response, GDP in 2010 would be about 6.5 percent lower, payroll employment would be less by some 8.5 million jobs, and the nation would now be experiencing deflation."

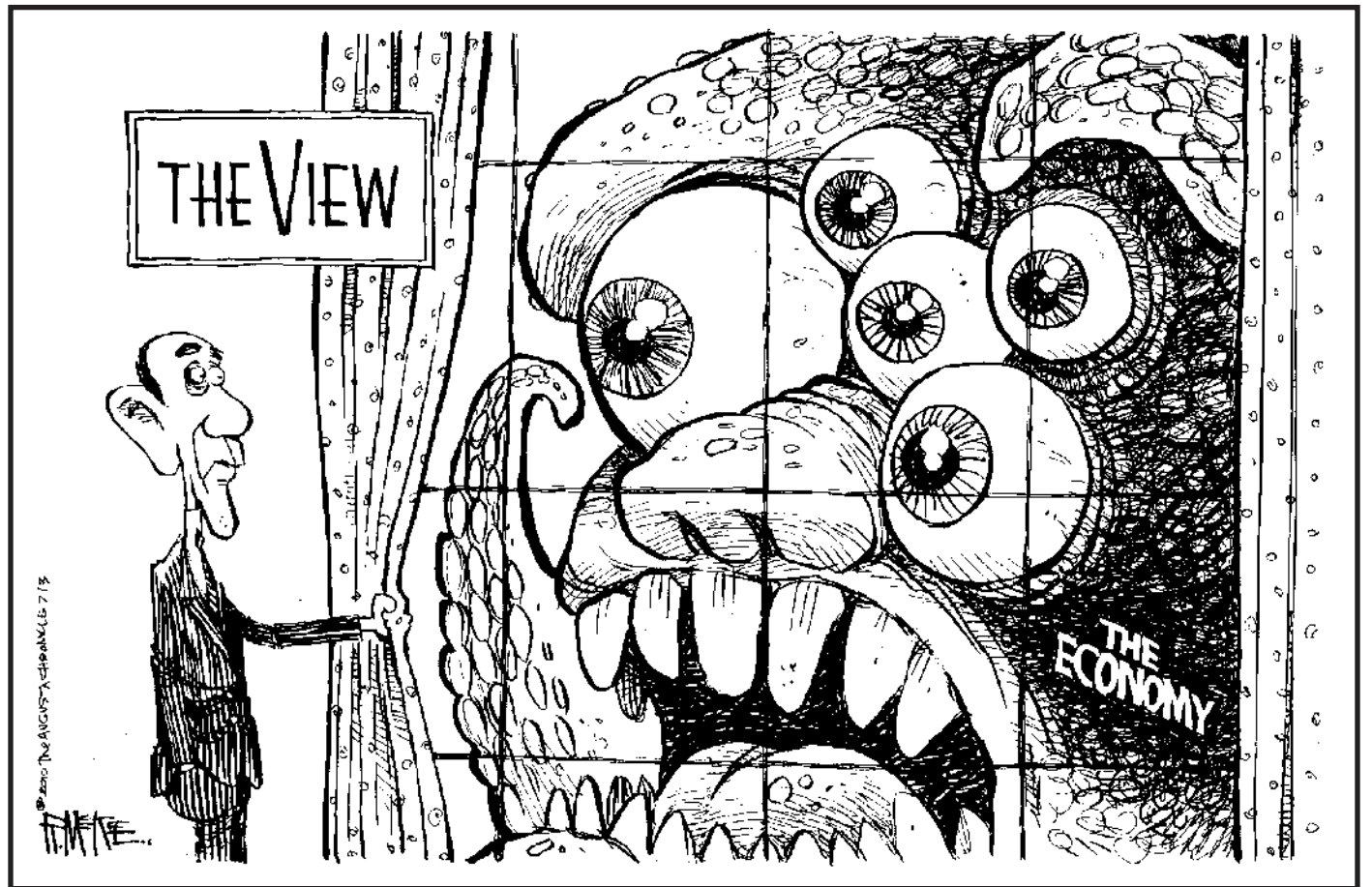
The report notes that the bailout and federal loans had a deeper effect than stimulus spending, but that the stimulus added 2.7 million jobs to a limping economy and raised GDP by a full 2 percent.

They stated, "Maybe the country and the world were just lucky. But we take another view: The Great Recession gave way to recovery as quickly as it did largely because of the unprecedented responses by monetary and fiscal policymakers."

What might have happened without intervention matters greatly to the current political climate. While this study is an estimate, it is based on trusted modeling.

There is still work to be done. This recovery is fragile. The report concludes: "When all is said and done, the financial and fiscal policies will have cost taxpayers a substantial sum, but not nearly as much as most had feared and not nearly as much as if policymakers had not acted at all."

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Educated people

Thirty-year veteran NYC teacher John Gatto, when he made the State's Teacher-of-the-Year list, argued that building character and community is more valuable than learning from tired textbooks and rigid lesson plans. He listed qualities of really educated people and we comment on their relevance to our situation.

I. Establish an individual set of values but recognize those of the surrounding community and of the various cultures of the world.

Setting a set of values is not one of our emphases in public education. Utilizing words and manipulating numbers are, along with encyclopedic familiarization of abstract terms. The values of our community have officially gone Arizona, reactionary and jingoistic. Various cultures of the world on our doorsteps are treated like invasive species feared and faulted for fouling the native fauna.

II. Explore own ancestry, culture, and place.

Cultural memory is short-lived, and vessels of wisdom in chants learned by seafarers are lost in ocean mists, or allowed to die by default from the stubborn misconception that commercial exploitation follows sharing. Traditional navigators can entrust sage knowledge to contemporaries heretofore only available to the privileged few. Democratization of the political process stopped at the door of the communal Utt on cultural memory transmission.

III. Are comfortable being alone yet understand dynamics between people and form healthy relationship.

European culture evolved a parody of rugged individualism creating isolation of tragic proportions exemplified by urban residents refusing assistance to someone in distress. Conversely, rigid social relations carried over from past practices on women, differently-abled, menial workers, lowly laborers, and others, cannot be allowed to stymie or ignore rights. The contemplative and meditative ways that freight spiritual understandings are solitary exercises. We stigmatize reflective loners, favor melting pots to mosaics, and cannot countenance being alone!

IV. Accept mortality, knowing that every choice affects the generations to come.

Contemporary cults of the heavenly realm, or places beyond the here-and-now, flourish even among the schooled and well off. While Egyptian pyramids and Qin Shi Huangdi demonstrated residual grandeur of belief in the hereafter, religious images of "paradise in the heavenly realm" are exploited to promote political programs of violence (jihadist Islam) as well as exclusions (fundamentalist Christianity). We refuse the blessings of finitude. Earthly justice postponed to the hereafter is justice denied, period. The celebration of the completion of life is unknown in contemporary funeral services.

V. Create new things and find new experiences.

Entrepreneurial traits take a back seat to conformity and uniformity. Adventure is relegated to the eccentric and esoteric fringes. Lucid educators bewail the dampening of individual creativity, of the drive to achieve, innovate, and excel; we promote "standard humans" as norm.

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VI. Think: observe, analyze, and discover truth without relying on the opinions of others.

Science is taught as a dead subject rather than as a process of thinking and behavior; it is trumped by the flip of a coin, the roll of the dice, the tarot card, and the horoscope. We trade fortunes in poker arcades and hang hopes on casinos. Exigencies of timing and hyped location define real estate transactions, not the inherent value of the land. The CNMI immigration debate is woefully deficient in objective clarity. We hear of "20,000" alien workers but no one raises the question of how it is stratified, how many are residents for 20, 15, 10, and 5 years. Demagogues kick the 20K alien football around, as if it was homogenous, leaving the field volatile, inflamed, and racially prejudiced.

VII. Favor love, curiosity, reverence, and empathy rather than material wealth.

Need we say more? As Rockefeller once confessed, one can never have enough! Money started as a medium of exchange to facilitate trade and commerce, to quantify value and planning. Now it is a psychological obsession and a status crutch. Educating emotional intelligence vanished with the ascent of the Ponzi scheme in the stock exchange.

VII. Choose a vocation that contributes to the common good.

Gaining a position of self-centered advantage is the goal of marketing and sales. Job fairs are a dime-a-dozen, even for teachers. Vocational retreats are no longer favored; they rarely still exist. We lean on the security of retirement, an illusion in the current economic dispensation.

VIII. Enjoy a variety of new places and experiences but identify and cherish a place to call home.

Home is "where somebody knows my name." The loci of where we root our choices, not the origin of our ethnic wanderings, ground us in the global village.

IX. Express voice with confidence.

Creating a self-confident mind and expressing it are basic to human education, sorely lacking in our assessment tools that reduce disparate units to common denominator. When confidence is relegated to the narrow confines of a particular type of achievement, rather than hammered down for simply showing up as humans capable of asking, "Who am I? Where are my limits? What are my possibilities?" then we have identities weighed on earned income and accumulated wealth. Integrity and confidence are measured by the size of our wallets, not the strength of our character.

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The power of visualization

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

In last week's column ["The Power of Clarity; *Saipan Tribune*, July 29, 2010"], we spoke about the need to have clear and specific images and descriptions of your goals and outcomes as the first step in bringing them into reality. The treasure mapping and treasure-writing exercises were suggested to help with that clarity. Did you do them?

Once you know what you want, the next step in the creative process is to visualize those desires on a regular basis. The term "visualization" is actually not quite accurate, because you're not going to use only your visual sense. A more accurate term—to coin one—would be "sensorization": using all of your senses in the act of imagining a desired outcome.

Here are some tips on how to involve all of your senses in goal-achieving and reality-creation regardless of your goal or desired reality.

Visual

Close your eyes and imagine a scene in which you are being, doing, or having the thing or experience you wish to have. Imagine yourself running the business, traveling the world, raising the family, living in the dream home, enjoying the fantasy relationship you wish to create. Use your treasure map, and treasure story to help. Everyone has the ability to visualize.

Auditory

Are there certain sounds that are a part of your goal or ideal life? What sounds would you be hearing right now if you were actually living your dream? Is there music? Crashing waves? The sound of machinery or cars? Another language? Maybe your dream is to live and teach English in China. Why not download some audio clips of people speaking Mandarin and listen to them on your mp3 player on a regular basis?

Tactile

One of the most powerful ways to bring a dream into reality is to

create a physical model or representation of the thing desired that you can actually touch. It takes the visualization exercise to a whole new level. Developers create scale models of communities. Auto designers create prototypes of cars. Authors create mock-ups of their future books. That's what no-longer-aspiring-but-now-actualized, and soon-to-be-famous children's book author Riza Ramos here on Saipan did! She wrote to me about it after last week's article:

"Hi, Walt. I think I did the mapping thing when I wrapped a book I owned with my own cover design that showed me as the author. I stared at it everyday imagining that it's in the bookshelves of bookstores and wanting it more than anything else!"—Riza@rizaramosbooks.com

Olfactory

Want to own a restaurant? A flower shop? Live near the ocean? What would it smell like? Is there a way you can capture that smell (candles, flower scents, incense, etc.) and incorporate it into your daily life?

Gustatory

Yep, I had to look that one up, too. It's the official name for your sense of taste. Perhaps your ideal scene involves enjoying certain types of food and drink. What would be some of the tastes you would enjoy if your dream came true? Want to be a wine taster in your dream life? Great! Just be careful not to go overboard with the sensorization on this one!

Emotional

Many people fail to include their emotions, intuition, and lesser-discussed faculties when they talk about their standard (five) senses. However, there are many more ways to perceive reality, and emotions might be, perhaps, the most critical part of the whole sensorization process. Emotions are most often the activators of everything we do and desire. In fact, 99 percent of all our goals are set by us so that we can feel a certain way. Think about it. We set financial goals to feel secure. We set relationship goals to feel loved. We set career goals to feel fulfillment. Those feelings, therefore, are a critical component of this process.

Spiritual author, Neville, says that in order to achieve your goals, you must "live from the feeling of the wish fulfilled." In other words, generate the emotion in response to the following question: *How would I FEEL once I achieve my goal?*

The amazing thing about being human is that you have the power to choose how you feel at any moment regardless of present reality. If you can first generate the feeling of security, love, satisfaction, accomplishment, happiness, joy or fulfillment that you believe your goal will allow you, you can actually choose to live in that feeling

The Saipanpreneur Project

Creating economic success for the CNMI

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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all through the day, every day, and every night until it attracts the equivalent reality to itself.

Assignment

Let's imagine that the thing you desire is now real. Imagine how you'd walk, and walk that way now. Imagine how you'd talk, and talk that way now. Imagine how your entire being would respond if you were actually living in the reality of your desired outcome, and choose to respond that way beginning now—even before the outcome has manifested!

The more of your senses you can involve in visualizing, I mean sensorizing your goal, the more quickly you can bring it into reality. If you can't find or replicate the actual images, sounds, objects, smells and tastes of your desire reality, don't worry. That's what your imagination is there for. The human mind has the ability to imagine absolutely anything it desires!

Next time: Step 3 in the Creative Process

Inspired by Paul Scheele

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Note: Fans and followers of the book, *Jamaican on Saipan*, may order a copy on jamaicanonsaipan.com.

Note: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that revealed the best things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gentle giants

I hope you follow the killing of the Napoleon wrasses closely and do not let it go. These are incredible megafauna that attract many people to visit your islands. I considered buying a veterinary clinic and moving to Saipan for several years simply because you had Napoleon wrasse on your reefs: they are natural predators of many animals that left unchecked, can destroy entire reefs (crown of thorns starfish in Australia's GBR).

As a veterinarian who works on fish, I can confirm that these fish are indeed endangered in most localities in the world. Localities who advertise diving with these incredible animals have increased their dive/snorkel and resulting hotel/restaurant business many, many-fold. Your isolation from the mainland gives your islands an advantage for enforcing the "no-take" of these magnificent fishes.

I hope your business community will come to realize what a tremendous opportunity you have to increase your tourism dollars by providing a safe, pristine underwater environment, safe for all species, and especially for the gentle giant, the Napoleon wrasse.

Dr. Rob Hildreth, DVM

via e-mail

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X. Add value to every encounter and every group of which they are a part.

Value added is the language of commerce. We do not extend it to the human realm. Could we walk into any human encounter without first figuring out what we can get out of the deal? Could we walk out confident that we added value to each and everyone who related to us?

The Association of Commonwealth Teachers may consider coming up with their list of 10. That may even get BoE's serious attention!

One week's news

Daily we read in the news of corrupt practices, poor management, and shameful disregard for the people of the CNMI. This week alone we read of the Tinian gaming commissioners raking in their \$100,000 pay and perks, while the real people of Tinian lack basic services and are barely able to feed their families.

Where are the commissioners' feelings for the community and their fellow neighbors? Why is it that they cannot take a pay cut like everyone else? Why do they show such disregard for the Tinian community? And yet not a word comes from them for this despicable behavior. Are they actually doing anything to warrant this pay, or are they sitting back and enjoying their choice jobs and snubbing their noses at the community? Illegal? Probably not, but it shows callous disregard for the people of Tinian. I wonder what the gaming commissioners actually do to merit such pay, particularly in the light of the current economy.

We read of nearly \$50,000 in CIP funds for the Rota airport, spent for very questionable items unrelated to the improvement of the airport. These are *public* funds, to be used for public purposes. A thorough and open investigation needs to be done, and if there is wrongdoing, those responsible need to pay those funds back and be prosecuted.

With respect to the adage of innocent until proven guilty, let there

Apology

Dear Mr. Gene S. Eagle Oden and to all the citizens of the Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands: I am writing you this letter to ask you to forgive me for my mistake of taking the rent money without your knowledge on June 2009. I realize and understand now that what I did was wrong and it brought shame to my family and me. I didn't really mean to do this but I was not being smart because, when you stopped me and took me out of work, I did not have the chance to return the collection money from the rent, I did not think smart, I just kept the collection with me. My mistake caused me to experience difficulties and hardship in my life. I got arrested and went to jail for one day, for the offense of theft, which I committed.

be an investigation and see if there are those guilty that use public funds for their own purpose. It's time for those who spend public funds for self-enrichment to be punished for their dishonesty, lack of any ethics, and total disregard for their neighbors. I wonder if this CIP project came from federal funds.

Finally, we read of PSS being billed for ghost water accounts. Either this is someone's attempt to gain money by illegal means, or a glaring example of complete mismanagement at the highest levels. It's difficult to believe that this is an honest mistake. Will this, too, be swept under the carpet? Or will there be an honest and open investigation of these ghost billings? Imagine taking money from education. Whew, will this never end?

There should be zero tolerance for this kind of behavior. In times of such brutal economic decline the leaders of the three branches of government should endeavor to make it clear that open, honest investigations will occur. It's long past the time when we should be working toward improving the quality of life for all. It's not too late for Better Times if the CNMI leaders will it so.

This is a sample of one week's news. What will next week bring?

Bill Weiss

Puerto Rico, Saipan

I am currently on probation for my mistake, Mr. Oden. I was ordered by the court to serve more days in jail, and will be doing community service, and after that I will be looking for a job, to help me change and improve my life. I have learned from this and I will make an effort to be a better person in the future. I regret what I did, I feel ashamed and I want to move on with my life and start all over again.






Once again, please forgive me and I am sorry and this will never happen again. Also, my sincere apology to all citizens.

Jeffrey Manalo

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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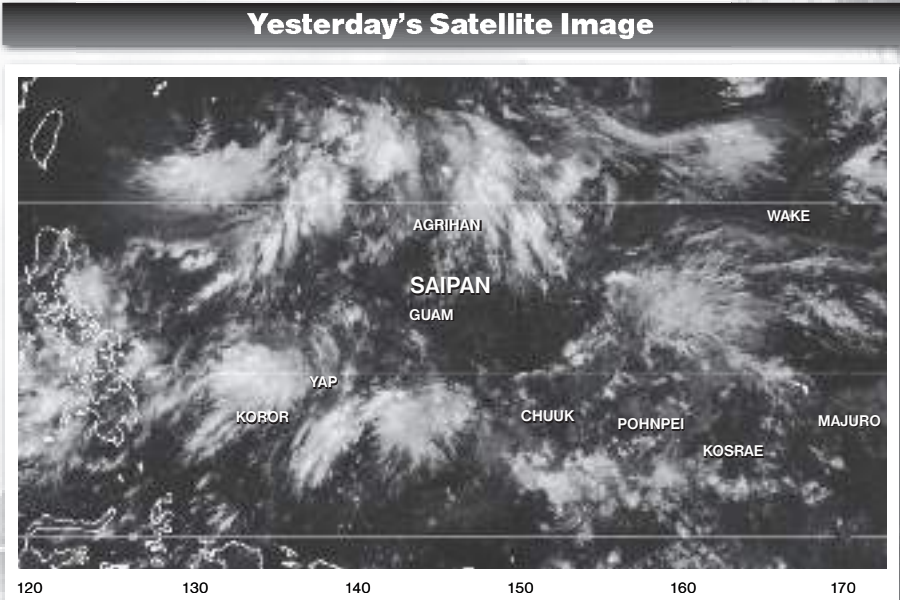
5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 86° ▼ 79°	▲ 87° ▼ 79°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°

Micronesia			
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Palau	Rain	▲ 85	▼ 78
Yap	Rain	▲ 86	▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82	▼ 77
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 87	▼ 76
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 90	▼ 80
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86	▼ 78

Around The Globe			
Auckland	Rain	▲ 60	▼ 51
Beijing	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 72
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲ 93	▼ 83
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 74
London	Showers	▲ 70	▼ 55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79	▼ 61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89	▼ 80
Melbourne	Rain	▲ 52	▼ 46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 89	▼ 80
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 73
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 93	▼ 81
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 70	▼ 57
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 79
Rome	Sunny	▲ 88	▼ 69
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	▼ 55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 60	▼ 52
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 90	▼ 79
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 90	▼ 79
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92	▼ 75

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
12:41 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
8:22 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
3:29 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
7:45 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends eastward from 24N130E to a circulation currently centered near 24N136E. Winds converging along the trough are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southeast of Okinawa or north of a line from 20N130E to 20N135E. Winds converging near the circulation are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over two to north of a line from 20N135E to 20N144E. Trade winds converging east of the circulation are causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the northernmost CNMI or north of a line from 20N144E to 18N154E. Another surface trough reaches southeastward from a circulation centered north of Koror at 12N133E to end at 8N146E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough and circulation are occurring over the Republic of Palau and Yap states in an area bounded by a line from 5N130E to 13N133E to 7N147E to 4N138E back to 5N130E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers north of Pohnpei between 10N and 15N from 155E to 166E. A surface trough angles northeastward from near Wake Island to beyond 25N at 172E. Scattered showers are found between 20N and 25N from 170E to 174E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers south of Chuuk and Pohnpei between 2N and 6N from 150E to 161E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are also present east of Majuro or east of a line from 10N173E to 4N177E.

Sunrise/Sunset			
Today	6:00 AM	6:46 PM	
Thursday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM	
Friday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM	
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM	
Sunday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM	

Moonrise/Moonset			
Today		1:08 PM	
Thursday	12:41 AM	2:05 PM	
Friday	1:36 AM	3:04 PM	
Saturday	2:35 AM	4:03 PM	
Sunday	3:38 AM	4:59 PM	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 4, 2010											
DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM						GUAM-ROTA (ROP)					
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5			C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7		
SAIPAN-GUAM						GUAM-SAIPAN					
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily			C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily			C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily		
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7			C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily		
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily			C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily			C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily		
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily			C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily			DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily		
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily			DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily		
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily			DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-NAGOYA						NAGOYA-SAIPAN					
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily			DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)						OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN					
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily			OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5			OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1			OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	Daily		
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX		
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX			OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	Daily			OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6			FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-BEIJING						BEIJING-SAIPAN					
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5			CA987	6:40pm	1:55am +1	4, 7		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN			OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
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C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM			DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT		
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT			C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM		
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO			OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM			OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau			PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM			C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3.5 via GUM-Palau		
						C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG						HONG KONG-SAIPAN					
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN			OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN		
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM			OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
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Airline				ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline				ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota							FRE 113		11:40	11:50	Daily		
FRE 100		7:30	8:00	Daily		FRE 115		13:00	13:10	Daily			
Rota-Saipan							FRE 117		14:30	14:40	Daily		
FRE 100		8:20	8:50	Daily		FRE 119		16:00	16:10	Daily			
Guam-Rota							FRE 121		16:40	16:50	Daily		
FRE 300		17:00	17:30	Daily		FRE 123		17:40	17:50	Daily			
Rota-Saipan		17:50	18:20	Daily		FRE 125		18:30	18:40	Daily			
Saipan-Rota						Tinian-Saipan							
FRE 200		9:30	10:00	Daily		FRE 102		7:05	7:15	Daily			
Rota-Guam		10:20	10:45	Daily		FRE 104		7:50	8:00	Daily			
Saipan-Rota							FRE 106		8:20	8:30	Daily		
FRE 400		18:55	19:25	Daily		FRE 108		9:00	9:10	Daily			
Rota-Guam							FRE 110		10:00	10:10	Daily		
FRE 400		19:40	20:10	Daily		FRE 112		11:05	11:15	Daily			
Saipan-Tinian							FRE 114		12:00	12:10	Daily		
							FRE 116		13:30	13:40	Daily		
FRE 101		6:45	6:55	Daily		FRE 118		14:50	15:00	Daily			
FRE 103		7:30	7:40	Daily		FRE 120		16:20	16:30	Daily			
FRE 105		8:00	8:10	Daily		FRE 122		17:00	17:10	Daily			
FRE 107		8:40	8:50	Daily		FRE 124		18:05	18:15	Daily			
FRE 109		9:10	9:20	Daily		FRE 126		18:50	19:00	Daily			
FRE 111		10:45	10:55	Daily									

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IN TRIAL OF POLICE OFFICER GUERRERO: FBI agent and alleged illegal taxicab operator testify

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

A Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent and an alleged illegal taxicab operator testified yesterday in federal court against police officer Christopher Leon Guerrero, who is on trial for extortion charges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric O'Malley also played in court several alleged secretly taped phone conversation between Leon Guerrero and the alleged illegal taxicab operator.

FBI special agent Haejun Park said the investigation began when a "cooperating source" contacted him, claiming that his friend was being forced to pay money by Leon Guerrero.

Park said he was off-island at the time so he directed the confidential source (illegal taxicab operator) to contact his counterpart.

Park said his counterpart in the Drug Enforcement Administration made the initial phone recording between the cooperating source and Leon Guerrero.

In that conversation, the special agent said the cooperating source arranged a meeting with the police officer at the Department of Public Safety station.

Park said it was his understanding that the cooperating source made a \$500 payment to Leon Guerrero in exchange for the release of his property and car.

When he returned to Saipan, Park said, he interviewed the cooperating source and talked with his counterparts with DEA.

The transaction with Leon Guerrero had just finished when another friend of the cooperating source was arrested for allegedly operating an illegal taxicab and that the same police officer was handling the investigation, Park said.

Through the cooperating source, Park said they managed to initiate over a dozen taped phone calls to Leon Guerrero.

When asked why they did not use the other illegal taxicab operator to negotiate with Leon Guerrero, Park said the other operator does not speak English. He said they also felt that Leon Guerrero trusted the cooperating source.

O'Malley then played the taped conversations in court. The jurors were also provided a copy of the transcribed conversations.

Park said he already met the defendant and is familiar with his voice.

In one conversation recorded on Sept. 30, 2009, the cooperating source told Leon Guerrero that his friend was caught driving a taxicab and asked him how his friend could reclaim his car since he [defendant] was the one handling the case.

Leon Guerrero replied that there are a lot of people involved in the case. He told the cooperating source that he was lucky the first time around because he was willing to help the police by providing information.

Park said Leon Guerrero was confirming in this conversation that the first transaction between the cooperating source and the defendant took place.

Park said Leon Guerrero indicated in this conversation that other people were involved in the investigation—possibly to obtain more money in the end.

The agent said Leon Guerrero kept mentioning another guy involved in the case, but that during their investigation that person did not exist.

In a taped conversation on Oct. 5, 2009 at 7:10pm, Leon Guerrero told the cooperating source that his friend could get his car and radio back, but that he could not make any promises about the case.

Leon Guerrero said it is a different scenario and that the cooperating source's friend's case is going to move forward in court.

The cooperating source said his

friend is hoping to pay \$300 to reclaim the car and clear the case.

Leon Guerrero said he could not guarantee clearing the case, but instructed the cooperating source to talk to his friend then call him back.

Park said they were able to confirm with the Office of the Attorney General that the case was never forwarded to the OAG for prosecution.

In another taped conversation on Oct. 7, Leon Guerrero told the cooperating source that his friend should make at least a partial payment. Leon Guerrero also told the cooperating source that he does not want to deal with anyone else but him.

When asked about this, Park said a different person had answered the phone when Leon Guerrero called the cooperating source.

The agent said Leon Guerrero appeared to be nervous that another person may be involved in the deal.

In a taped conversation on Oct. 8, 2009, the cooperating source told Leon Guerrero that he could pay \$200 the following day and \$500 by next week.

Park testified that the cooperating source indeed went to Leon Guerrero's office and made the \$200 payment. He said the payment was not recorded because they could not make the recording inside DPS as this may jeopardize their investigation.

In a taped conversation on Oct. 15, 2009, the cooperating source notified Leon Guerrero that he had good news because he could get \$300 more the following day.

Park said they tried to get the cooperating source and Leon Guerrero to meet at the parking lot of Aquarius Beach Tower for the \$300 payment but Leon Guerrero did not appear at the last minute.

The agent said the defendant was seen driving a DPS vehicle in the area and then leaving.

Park said Leon Guerrero was conducting a counter-surveillance prior to the meeting.

He said Leon Guerrero later called the cooperating source that the location would be changed to the back of Payless Market. Park said the payment was completed.

Park said they did not immediately arrest Leon Guerrero af-

ter that incident.

The agent disclosed that they paid the cooperating source \$3,500 for services in November 2009.

During cross-examination by defense counsel David Banes, Park admitted that no video was taken of Leon Guerrero accepting a bribe.

Park also admitted that the cooperating source was never made to undergo a lie detector test.

When asked if there were no independent witnesses that saw

money being handed to Leon Guerrero, Park said "Yes."

The cooperating source testified that Leon Guerrero met him near Costco and drove him to an abandoned house on Navy Hill. On Navy Hill, he said they started talking about the release of his car.

The cooperating source said he and the defendant talked several times on the phone.

The cooperating source is expected to continue his testimony today, Wednesday at 8:30am.



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Business

Unplanned cable cut causes IT&E service interruption

IT&E customers in the Chalan Kiya, As Terlaje, Kanat Tabla, Fina Sis, and Dandan areas experienced a service interruption this weekend as a result of an unplanned cable cut that occurred during an emergency repair project.

The interruption occurred when the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. inadvertently sliced through cables while attempting to locate and repair a section of a ruptured 16-inch water main underneath the eastbound lane of Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Highway, 50 meters past the Mobil station in Chalan Kiya.

Damaged in the excavation were 900-pair, 600-pair, and 100-pair cable lines that provide communication services to residents of Chalan Kiya, As Terlaje, Kanat Tabla, Fina Sis, and portions of lower Dandan.

CUC Water Division personnel initiated excavation and exposed the cable locator warning tape at approximately 10:30am and adjusted their backhoe before they continued digging to a depth of approximately six feet.

When the pool of water was drained sufficiently, IT&E crews discovered that the 600-pair telephone cable (Cable 8)

had been damaged extensively, with around 100 pairs severed as well as damage to the insulation and copper ground conductor.

After a preliminary survey, three IT&E and two AGA personnel were called out for the repair. Due to the level of the water in the pit and the number of CUC personnel working inside of the small confines of the excavated area, IT&E technicians were unable to commence repairs to the lines until 1am Monday, Aug. 2. The repair of the 600-pair cable was completed at approximately 7:30am,

followed by the restoration of the 900-pair cable prior some four hours later.

IT&E, Marianas' communications leader, would like to remind all contractors, homeowners, and building owners of the importance of contacting IT&E prior to any type of digging.

According to IT&E Plant Technical Service manager Velma Palacios the CNMI has experienced a large number of unnecessary cable cuts that connect the islands to the world. Oftentimes these cable cuts result in costly damage or service interruptions.

When a cut to the cable occurs, offenders are charged per P.L. 9-4, The Commonwealth Utility Damage Prevention Act of 1994. Palacios said that repairs carry a hefty price tag and deprive customers of their services.

"IT&E cables are not the only underground utilities (water, power, and sewer), and those services might also be jeopardized if they are unintentionally cut," said Palacios.

IT&E would like to work in partnership with contractors and government agencies in order to provide continued services

to its customers and to prevent unnecessary damage to the CNMI's utilities.

Unlike other telecommunication companies, IT&E does not charge a fee for cable location that occurs during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.

For more information or to request a cable locate, contact IT&E Customer Care at 682-4ITE (4483) or see cable locate information in the 2010 CNMI Phone Book, which is available free of charge at IT&E Customer Service on Middle Road. (IT&E)

BP: Upcoming kill attempt might do the trick alone

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—After insisting for months that a pair of costly relief wells were the only surefire way to kill the oil leak at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, BP officials said Monday they may be able to do it just with lines running from a ship to the blown-out well a mile below.

As crews planned testing to determine whether to proceed with a "static kill" to pump mud and perhaps cement down the throat of the well, BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells said if it's successful the relief wells may not be needed, after all, to do the same weeks later from the bottom.

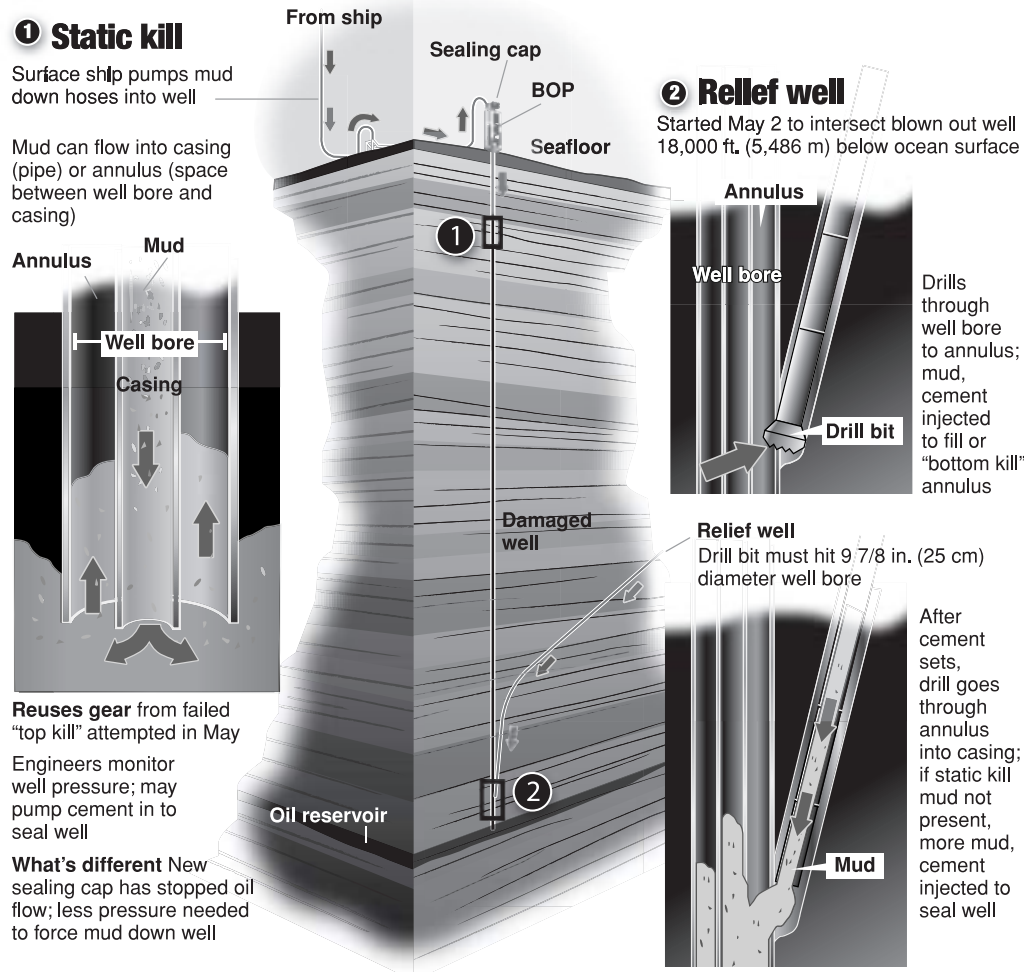
The primary relief well, near completion, will still be finished and could be used simply to ensure the leak is plugged, Wells said.

"Even if we were to pump the cement from the top, we will still continue on with the relief well and confirm that the well is dead," he said. Either way, "we want to end up with cement in the bottom of the hole."

Government officials and company executives have long said the wells, which can cost about \$100 million each, may be the only way to make certain the oil is contained to its vast undersea reservoir. A federal task force says about 172 million gallons of oil made it into the Gulf between April and mid-July, when a temporary cap bottled up all the oil.

Sealing the well from bottom and top

BP says it will employ a so-called "static kill" in addition to the relief well to speed up the permanent sealing of the Deepwater Horizon well.



Source: BP, Deepwater Horizon Incident Joint Information Center Graphic: Judy Treible, Lee Hulteng

That number is on the high end of recent estimates that anywhere from 92 million to 184

million gallons had gushed into the sea.

The federal task force says

about 206 million gallons total gushed out of the mile-deep well between the April 20 rig explo-

sion that triggered the spill and July 15, when engineers placed a temporary cap on the leaking well. The fleet of boats and other efforts were able to contain more than 33 million gallons.

The company began drilling the primary, 18,000-foot relief well May 2, 12 days after the Deepwater Horizon rig blast killed 11 workers, and a second backup well May 16. The first well is now only about 100 feet from the target, and Wells said it could reach it as early as Aug. 11.

"Precisely what the relief wells will do remains to be seen given what we learn from the static kill," BP spokesman Daren Beaudou said. "Can't predict it for certain."

Retired Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man on the spill response, said Monday that the focus now is on making sure the static kill is successful. But he cautioned that federal officials don't see it as "the end all, be all until we get the relief well done."

One of the biggest variables is whether the area called the annulus, which is between the inner piping and the outer casing, has sprung an oil leak. Engineers probably won't be able to answer that question until they drill in from the bottom, he said.

"Everyone would like to have this thing over as soon as possible," Allen said, adding: "We don't know the condition of the well until we start pushing mud into it."

Geithner pledges quick action on new financial law

NEW YORK (AP)—Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner pledged on Monday to move with speed to implement the biggest overhaul of the financial system since the Great Depression. He said that a top priority will be simplifying the complicated forms that consumers have to fill out to get credit cards, auto loans and mortgages.

"We will move as quickly as possible to bring clarity to the new rules of finance," Geithner



Geithner said in a speech to Wall Street executives and students at New York University's Stern School of Business. "The rule writing process traditionally has moved at a frustrating, glacial pace. We must change that."

Geithner said that officials from all the government agencies involved in financial reform including Treasury, the Federal Reserve, the Securities and Exchange Commission and various banking regulators, will set target deadlines for writing the new rules. He said that the Financial Stability Oversight Council, the new panel that will oversee the process, will develop an integrated road map for implementing the overhaul at its first meeting in September.

Geithner's speech Monday was the opening salvo in what the administration says will be an extensive outreach effort to educate the public about the new law, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama last month.

Watabe to feature CNMI in December issue

Media FAM(iliarization) tours in July to the Northern Marianas are expected to have more wedding bells ringing in this island resort destination.

Watabe Wedding Micronesia will feature the Northern Marianas in its December 2010 edition.

The wedding catalog circulates to 50,000 readers monthly and will include the Northern Marianas in its 50-page, full-color December issue. The publication targets females in their 20s and 30s and engaged couples. The estimated ad exposure value is ¥6-million.

Japan's Zexy Magazine also sent a media crew to the Northern Marianas in July. The publication will publish a "Wedding in the Marianas," targeting its 50,000 readers, who are primarily in their 20s and 30s. The Northern Marianas will receive

\$25,000 in estimated ad exposure value through the feature.

"Wedding and honeymoon travel to the islands remains an important market for us," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "We continue to attract couples by supporting media FAM visits such as these, partic-

ipating in wedding shows, and conducting cooperative promotions with our travel partners."

In June 2010, 132 couples traveled to the Northern Marianas for weddings, while 412 visited for their honeymoon. Most of those getting married came from the primary tourism market of Japan. (MVA)

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Nation

Obama salutes promised end of US combat in Iraq

ATLANTA (AP)—Nearing a milestone in the long and divisive Iraq war, President Barack Obama on Monday hailed this month's planned withdrawal of all U.S. combat troops—"as

promised and on schedule"—as a major success despite deep doubts about the Iraqis' ability to police and govern their country.

Portraying the end of America's combat role in the 7-year

war as a personal promise kept, Obama said Iraq will have 90,000 fewer U.S. troops by September than when he took office—a steady homeward flow he called "a season of homecomings." But

there could still be more fighting involving U.S. forces.

"The hard truth is we have not seen the end of American sacrifice in Iraq," the president said in a speech to the national conven-



Obama

tion of the Disabled American Veterans. "But make no mistake, our commitment in Iraq is changing—from a military effort led by our troops to a civilian effort led by our diplomats."

A transitional force of 50,000 troops will remain, down from the peak of 170,000 in 2007. Their mission will be to train and advise Iraqi security forces, protect U.S. civilians, manage the chain of supplies and equipment out of Iraq and conduct counterterrorism operations.

Gulf seafood declared safe; fishermen not so sure

VENICE, La. (AP)—Seafood from some parts of the oil-fouled Gulf of Mexico has been declared safe to eat by the government, based in part on human smell tests. But even some Gulf fishermen are questioning whether the fish and shrimp are OK to feed to their own families.

Some are turning up their noses at the smell tests—in

which inspectors sniff seafood for chemical odors—and are demanding more thorough testing to reassure the buying public about the effects of the oil and the dispersants used to fight the slick.

"If I put fish in a barrel of water and poured oil and Dove detergent over that, and mixed it up, would you eat that fish?" asked Rusty Graybill, an oyster-

man and shrimp and crab fisherman from Louisiana's St. Bernard Parish. "I wouldn't feed it to you or my family. I'm afraid someone's going to get sick."

Now that a temporary cap has kept oil from spewing out of BP's blown-out well for more than two weeks, state-controlled fishing areas in Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi have slowly begun to reopen.

Sources: 3 charges filed against Rep. Waters

WASHINGTON (AP)—California Democrat Maxine Waters faces a House trial this fall on three charges of ethical wrongdoing, setting the stage for a second election-season public airing of ethics problems for a longtime Democratic lawmaker.

The charges focus on whether Waters broke the rules in requesting federal help for a bank where her husband owned stock and had served on the board of directors. She denied the charges Monday.

Persons familiar with the case said Waters is accused of violating:

- A rule that House members may not exert improper influence that results in a personal benefit.

- The government employees' ethics code, which prohibits granting or accepting special favors, for the employee or family members, that could be viewed as influencing official actions.

- A rule that members' conduct must reflect creditably on

the House.

The persons were not authorized to be quoted by name on allegations not yet made public.

The House ethics committee's announcement comes just days after it outlined 13 charges against Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., including failing to disclose assets and income, delayed payment of federal taxes and improper use of a subsidized New York apartment for his campaign office.

ACROSS THE NATION

NY jury convicts 2 in JFK Airport fuel-tank plot

NEW YORK (AP)—Two men were convicted Monday of plotting to blow up jet fuel tanks at John F. Kennedy International Airport, a plan that authorities said was meant to outdo the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and avenge perceived U.S. oppression of Muslims around the world. Russell Defreitas, a former JFK cargo handler, and Abdul Kadir, once a member of Guyana's parliament, were convicted of multiple conspiracy charges. Kadir was acquitted of one charge, surveillance of mass transportation. The Brooklyn federal court jury deliberated about five days. Defreitas, a 66-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen from Guyana, and Kadir, 58, were arrested in 2007 after

an informant infiltrated the plot and recorded them discussing it.

6 teens drown in Louisiana river; 7th rescued

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP)—Six teenagers from at least two families drowned in the Red River in northwest Louisiana after they stepped off a ledge from shallow water into a chasm about 20 feet deep on Monday, fire officials said. A 14-year-old was rescued. Shreveport Assistant Fire Chief Fred Sanders said he believed the victims, ages 13 to 18, included three brothers in one family and a sister and two brothers in another. "They were out here with some adults. But unfortunately, neither the children nor the adults could swim," he said. Sanders said names may be released Tuesday, after the department is sure rela-

tives have been notified.

Grizzly in Mont. maulings was light, not starving

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—A grizzly bear that preyed on three campers outside Yellowstone National Park was underweight but not starving, and it was in an area with ample natural food supplies, wildlife officials said Monday as they worked to figure out why the animal attacked. With the necropsy on the female grizzly still being analyzed, officials had no explanation for what caused the bear to rampage through a campground Wednesday with cubs in tow. "Trying to make some connection between body size of a bear and strange behavior is a stretch," said Chris Servheen, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist coordinating the investigation.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 10-088

"NETWORK DESIGN/INSTALLATION OF ROUTING/SWITCHING EQUIPMENT"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested to do "Network Design and Installation of Routing/Switching Equipment for the Public School System". The detailed Scope of Work is available beginning on July 28, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 or by E-mail request to Joe Torres, PSS E-Rate Coordinator at joseph.torres@cnmipss.org.

There will be a Pre-Proposal Meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. at the PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor Retirement Fund Building. Potential Off-Island Proposers may make arrangement to participate in this meeting via teleconference, but are encouraged to attend in person if at all possible due to the anticipated detail and complexity involved in this RFP.

Questions arising after this Meeting must be addressed to Joe Torres, E-rate Coordinator via E-mail no later than Monday, August 16, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope face marked "PSS RFP 10-088" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and physically submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than Friday, August 27, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Proposals may also be submitted electronically to Joe Torres with a Cc: of the cover page only sent to PSS P&S at robert.florian@cnmipss.org for receipt documentation purposes. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
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/s/ Robert Florian
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 10-091

"MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR THE PSS HEAD START PROGRAM"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in providing "Mental Health Consultation Services for the Public School System's Head Start Program." The Scope of Work is available beginning on July 21, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions must be in writing and address to Kathleen Keiko Yamagata, Head Start Program Director via fax to (670) 664-3760 or e-mailed to keikoyamagata74@yahoo.com no later than August 10, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope face marked "RFP 10-091" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than August 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

The Public School System reserves the right to award single or multiple awards or to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, if to do so is in the best interest of the Public School System.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Asia

North Korea threatens to retaliate against Skorea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea's military threatened Tuesday "strong physical retaliation" against South Korea's planned naval drills near their disputed sea border and warned civilian ships to stay away from the area.

South Korea plans to hold five-day naval drills in the Yellow Sea, including near the border, beginning Thursday in response to the deadly March sinking of a South Korean warship blamed on North Korea.

North Korea vehemently denies involvement in downing

the 1,200-ton Cheonan, and has demanded its own investigators be allowed to visit South Korea to examine the results. Seoul has rejected the North's repeated requests.

The North "made a decisive resolution to counter the reckless naval firing projected by the group of traitors with strong physical retaliation," the North's military said in a notice carried by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency.

The North's military also warned all civilian ships to stay away from areas near the sea border.

The North's military denounced South Korea's planned drills as political provocations aimed at keeping the sea border—the scene of deadly skirmishes between the two sides in 1999, 2002 and last year—as is.

South Korea's Defense Ministry officials were not immediately available for comment.

The western maritime boundary has long been considered a flash point between the two Koreas, because the North does not recognize a line the United Nations unilaterally drew at the end of the 1950-53 Korean War.

Pakistani flood survivors salvage little they have

CAMP KOROONA, Pakistan (AP)—Relief efforts in Pakistan's flood-ravaged northwest picked up pace Monday, but survivors complained about government inaction—a worrying sign for authorities seeking public support for the fight against militants in the region.

Around 300 people blocked a major road in the hard-hit Nowshera district to protest at receiving little or no aid, witnesses said. Other survivors returned to devastated villages, wading through waist-high

water to salvage chairs, plates and other possessions—a wall clock, a battered fridge—from beneath mud and debris.

"We have nothing, we are just depending on the mercy of God. Nothing left except this wet wheat," said Marjan Khan, sorting through piles of the grain laid out on wooden beds.

Scores of bridges, roads and buildings have been washed away by the torrents, which were triggered by exceptionally heavy monsoon rain. The floods are the worst in a generation,

and weather forecasters say more rains are due to fall south and central Pakistan.

The death toll was at least 1,200 on Monday, with up to 2 million survivors requiring assistance.

The northwest is the epicenter of Pakistan's battle against al-Qaida and the Taliban. Alongside military and police operations, the government—with the support of the West—is trying to improve its services and living standards there to blunt the appeal of militancy.

Officials: 37 gunned down in Pakistan's Karachi

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Gunmen went on killing sprees in Pakistan's largest city after the assassination of a lawmaker, killing at least 37 people by Tuesday. Dozens of vehicles and shops were set on fire as security forces struggled to gain control as Karachi seethed.

The southern city of more than 16 million has a history

of political, ethnic and religious violence, and has long been a hide-out for al-Qaida and Taliban militants. Its stability is considered paramount for Pakistan, because it is the country's main commercial hub.

The latest unrest came after Raza Haider, a provincial lawmaker, was shot dead

along with his bodyguard in a mosque in Karachi's Nazimabad area while preparing to offer prayers Monday.

Haider was a member of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, the political party that runs the city and represents mainly descendants of migrants from India who settled in Pakistan when it was created in 1947.

World

UAE: BlackBerry crackdown will impact foreign visitors

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—The United Arab Emirates' looming crackdown on BlackBerry services will extend to foreign visitors, putting the government's concerns over the smart phones in direct conflict with the country's ambitions to be a business and tourism haven.

The Emirates' telecoms regulator said Monday that travelers to the city-state of Dubai and the important oil industry center of Abu Dhabi will—like the 500,000 local subscribers—have to do without BlackBerry e-mail, messaging and Web services starting Oct. 11, even when they carry phones issued in other countries. The handsets themselves will still be allowed for phone calls.

Emirati authorities say the move is based on security concerns because BlackBerry data are automatically shipped to company computers abroad, where it is difficult for local authorities to monitor for illegal activity or abuse.

Critics of the crackdown say it is also a way for the



In this Nov. 30, 2009 file photo, a man talks on his smart phone at the Dubai Financial Market in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

country's conservative government to further control content it deems politically or morally objectionable.

About 100,000 travelers pass through Dubai's airport every day, making it the busiest in the Middle East. The new restrictions could leave time-pressed business travelers hurrying through, many of them changing planes for other destinations, without access to their e-mail or the Web.

"I think it's a very big step back. All developed countries in the world have it. Why should we not?" said Emirati BlackBerry user Maisoon al-Iskandarani, 24, who works at an international bank in Dubai. "How are you going to stay in touch with your clients and colleagues?"

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley called such technological restrictions "a move in the wrong direction."

Inquest to begin into secret bomb experiment death

LONDON (AP)—A long-awaited investigation into the death of a British scientist killed during secret U.K.-U.S. experiments to build homemade bombs likely to be used by terrorists is scheduled to begin Tuesday.

Coroner Peter Dean will open an inquest into the death of Terry Jupp, who died in 2002 during weapons tests on a remote island used as a military facility off England's

eastern coast.

Jupp, 46, worked for the military's forensic explosive laboratory and suffered severe burns when a crude bomb spontaneously exploded during the tests on Aug. 14, 2002. He died of his injuries six days later.

The inquest into his death has been delayed for eight years over concerns about the sensitivity of evidence related to the team's classi-

fied experiments.

Two of Jupp's managers at the government's military science service—the Defense, Scientific and Technology Laboratory—were charged with manslaughter following an inquiry into the blast. Both denied the allegation.

Prosecutors withdrew a charge against scientist Maurice Marshall in 2007, but declined to disclose their reasons citing security concerns.

ASIAN BRIEFS

9 dead, 7 trapped in central China coal mine

BEIJING (AP)—Nine workers were killed and seven others trapped after lethal gas leaked into a coal mine in central China, a state news agency said Tuesday. A "gas outburst" occurred at 11:19 p.m. Monday at the Sanyuandong Coal Mine in Dengfeng, a city in Henan province, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It reported 127 miners were underground and 111 escaped unharmed, according to an official with the Zhengzhou Coal Industry Co. Ltd., which runs the mine. The company could not be reached by phone. Calls to the coal management bureau and the propaganda office of the Communist Party in the provincial capital of Zhengzhou, which oversees Dengfeng, rang unanswered.

Troops kill 7 protesters in Indian-ruled Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Government troops fired live ammunition and tear gas into crowds of anti-India protesters Monday as tens of thousands of people demonstrated across Indian-controlled Kashmir, police said. Seven civilians were reported killed. More than 60 protesters and almost 70 government forces were injured on one of the worst days in nearly two months of violent clashes between troops and residents who strongly oppose India's rule over the predominantly Muslim region. Kashmir's top elected official, Omar Abdullah, met with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi on Monday to discuss defusing the crisis that has caused 40 deaths over seven weeks.

Suicide car bomb kills 6 kids in south Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)—A suicide car bomber blew himself up next to a police truck bringing a southern Afghan official to work early Monday, killing six children nearby, officials said. The blast went off at about 9 a.m. local time near a market area in Dand district to the west of Kandahar city, according to the official who was targeted—district government chief Ahmadullah Nazak. "I dropped down. Then I heard a second explosion," Nazak said. "It hit our car, but it didn't injure me." The Interior Ministry originally said five children were killed in the blast, and Nazak said a sixth had died by early afternoon. A bodyguard who was driving with Nazak was wounded, he said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Peru plague outbreak kills 1, infects at least 31

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Peru's health minister says an outbreak of plague has killed a 14-year-old boy and infected at least 31 people in a northern coastal province. Health Minister Oscar Ugarte says authorities are screening sugar and fish meal exports from Ascope province, located about 325 miles (520 kms) northwest of Lima. Popular Chicama beach isn't far away. Ugarte says the boy, who had Down syndrome, died of bubonic plague July 26. He said Monday that most of the infections are bubonic plague, with four cases of pneumonic plague. The former is transmitted by flea bites, the latter by airborne contagion. The disease is curable if treated early with antibiotics.

Death toll from Russian wildfires reaches 40

MOSCOW (AP)—The death toll from wildfires raging across central and western Russia rose to 40 on Monday, as millions of Muscovites coughed through a haze of smoke from burning peat bogs and firefighters scrambled to put out hundreds of new blazes. The fires come after weeks of searing heat and practically no rain. Although temperatures in the Moscow area dipped modestly over the weekend, experts predict they'll climb back to around 38 C (100 F) this week. Still, firefighters on Monday reported making some headway against the blazes that have destroyed hundreds of homes, burned through vast sections of tinder-dry land and forced thousands to evacuate.

Bolivia court upholds seizure of US man's ranch

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—A Bolivian court has upheld a government decision to seize a ranch from a U.S. cattleman and his family on the grounds they treated workers as virtual slaves, an official announced Monday. The National Agrarian Tribunal rejected a challenge by Ronald Larsen, a 65-year-old from Montana who has owned the 58-square-mile (15,000-hectare) ranch nearly four decades, deputy land minister Juan Manuel Pinto said at a news conference. Pinto said the Carapacito ranch would revert to Guarani Indians, traditional inhabitants of Bolivia's southeastern region, known as the Chaco.

Focus

► It doesn't all float

The massive slick has largely vanished—partly consumed by microbes and worked on by wind, waves and sun—but perhaps tens of millions of gallons may still be under water.

The discovery of vast deep sea plumes, thought to be the result of chemical dispersant reducing the gushing flow into tiny suspended droplets, has destroyed conventional wisdom about what happens when oil and seawater mix. Particularly when you add an unprecedented volume of chemical dispersants.

BP initially dismissed they were there.

Now, the plumes—likened to underwater clouds of mist—rank among the biggest cleanup concerns. Federal and academic researchers can't say for sure yet how big they are, what is likely to happen to them over time or whether the concentrations, which fade from strong around the well to barely detectable 40 miles away, are toxic to marine life.

► When stakes are high, don't cut corners

BP played fast and loose with safety to save time and money, witnesses told a congressional subcommittee. Four days before the disastrous blowout, contractors told BP it needed 21 “centralizers” to stabilize the well before cementing it, but BP saved time and money by using only six. And in choosing the final piece of pipe for the ill-fated well, BP saved \$7 million to \$10 million by using a “long-string” pipe that reached from the bottom of the well to the sea bottom, instead of a “liner tieback.” The latter might have prevented gas from flowing up unchecked past the pipe, BP's own memos said.

Documents also said BP skipped a test to determine if cement had properly bonded to the well and rock formations, which would have been safer but taken 12 hours.

► A little hustle would have helped

For weeks after the April 20 spill, BP was estimating the flow of oil at 5,000 to 20,000 barrels a day, and responded with a “top hat” containment device capable of sucking up only about 15,000 barrels a day. But by mid-June government scientists were saying the well was spilling 50,000 barrels a day or more, and the Obama administration demanded a bigger, faster response from BP.

BP finally started to hustle. Today it has 800 skimming boats, 4,300 other vessels, 114 aircraft, 3.4 million feet of boom and 24,800 workers. And it has unveiled the Ella G—a 280-foot-long supply vessel outfitted with four centrifuges capable of slurping up 800,000 gallons of oily water a day.

But now, of course, the well

Lessons of the Gulf oil spill at the 100-day mark

By CURTIS MORGAN AND FRED TASKER
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

MIAMI—As the Gulf of Mexico oil spill hit the 100-day mark Wednesday, clear lessons have emerged from the stained waters. Here are some big ones likely to influence future decisions on offshore exploration:

has been capped and there's relatively little oil to clean up.

► It wasn't a heck of a job

The three-month oil spill may not wind up, as some critics charge, “Obama's Katrina.” But the administration didn't exactly ace the Gulf Coast history tests either.

Like the Bush administration after the disastrous 2005 hurricane, the Obama administration was slow to grasp the scale of the spill and, in the first month, gave BP too much credit and leeway as the oil giant downplayed the threat and bumbled through failed at-

tempts to plug the gusher.

NOAA, the lead science agency, also drew fire from many Gulf scientists, echoed by some congressional members. They contend the agency was slow to tap its expertise, slow to dispatch research vessels, and slow to push BP for flow-rate data that would have more quickly shown the blowout to be a disaster of historic proportions.

As the president's poll numbers plunged, the administration's multiagency Unified Command made tougher demands, drawing a \$20 billion damage pledge from BP and

a dramatically expanded capping effort.

► Give spill-killing efforts macho names

There was the “top kill” for plugging the leaking well with heavy mud and cement from the top. And the “bottom kill” for plugging it 13,000 feet beneath the seabed.

“Top hat” described the small, cone-shaped funnel attached to a riser line that BP lowered over the spewing well early on. It didn't capture enough oil, so it was discontinued.

Then there was the “junk shot.” To the heavy mud they

added shredded tires, golf balls and other pieces of fibrous material in hopes of clogging the crippled blow-out preventer. Experts warned the idea was “exotic” and might not work. They were right. Next: A “bullhead kill.” Now that the blown-out well has a secure cap on it, a bullhead kill will pump in heavy mud and cement through existing pipes on the blow-out preventer, making it easier to complete the relief well everyone sees as the final answer to the spill.

Linguists debate which of these handy new terms will make it into next year's Oxford English Dictionary.

► The Gulf may heal itself faster than we thought

When we fool with Mother Nature, sometimes she fools us back. Experts say up to 50 percent of spilled oil—the most volatile, toxic part—can evaporate within a week as the oil slick floats toward shore. Another portion can be eaten by naturally occurring microbes, especially in warm Gulf waters. “Oil is a natural product. It's inherently biodegradable,” said Terry Hazen, microbial ecologist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab in California.

Even hurricanes can help. After the massive 1979 Ixtoc spill in Mexico's Bay of Campeche, Hurricane Frederic was credited with scouring tar balls off the Texas coast. Experts say a hurricane's egg-beater effect on the water might break up oil sheens into small oily particles more easily digested by microbes.

Even water's-edge marshes, crucial to sheltering juvenile shrimp and dampening the surge of hurricanes, have some self-healing abilities. Environmentalists visiting Louisiana's oil-soaked marshes already have spotted new green sprouts thrusting up through the black goo.

► Regulators shouldn't sleep with industry

It took an epic environmental catastrophe to do what scathing government investigations, years of bipartisan criticism, sex-and-gifts scandals and a \$10 billion bureaucratic bungle could not: force the dismantling of the federal agency that regulates the offshore drilling industry.

The once obscure Minerals Management Service had

two main missions: To enforce drilling safety rules and to collect billions in royalties from the \$1-trillion-a-year petroleum industry. It did neither well, costing taxpayers billions in unclaimed royalties and allowing the industry to largely set its own safety standards—a hands-off attitude that enable BP's disastrous blowout.

In one notorious case, two MMS employees were literally found in bed with the industry: There were cited, after an internal investigation, for having brief sexual relationships with oil company officials. The executives plied 19 employees in an MMS royalty office with gifts, booze, and golf and ski trips.

The agency is being broken up in the wake of the spill. The Obama administration promises to mend regulatory loopholes and end cozy relations—pledges that history suggests will be difficult to fulfill.

► Healthy waters mean healthy wallets

From empty hotel rooms along the Panhandle's sugary sands to empty shrimpers' nests in Louisiana, there were endless examples of how much Gulf Coast economies depend on clean beaches, wetlands and waters.

“This is part of our culture, people have got to understand. We're part of the whole chain. We consume the food, our little kids are playing in the Gulf,” said Marylee Orr, executive director of the Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper. “We absolutely have to learn from this.”

Environmental groups are using the spill to press President Barack Obama to follow through on a pledge to restore a Gulf Coast plagued before the spill by pollution, declining fish stocks and disappearing wetlands. Three of them—the Environmental Defense Fund, National Audubon Society and National Wildlife Federation—called for BP to pay a \$5 billion “down payment” to help restore the fast-shrinking Mississippi Delta.

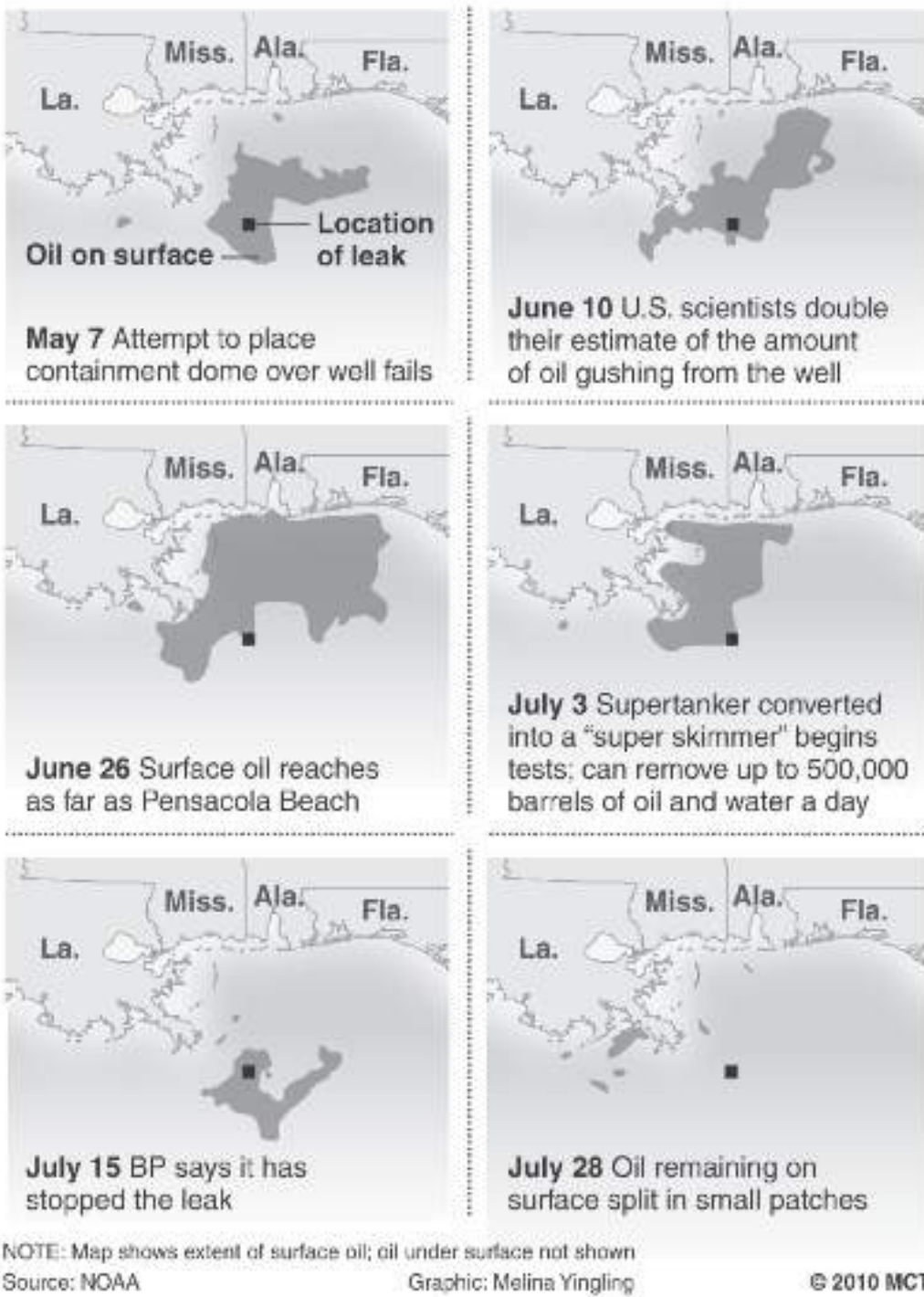
“Every time we stop paying attention, this coast comes back and bites us,” said Paul Kemp, vice president of Audubon's Louisiana Coastal Initiative.

► A tin ear is no friend in a crisis

Even with his distinguished British accent, BP boss Tony Hayward couldn't get away with such gaffes as calling the Gulf oil disaster a “tiny” spill into a “very big ocean.” Or griping that he, too, wanted the spill to end because “I want my life back.” Or setting Facebook and Twitter ablaze by taking a Saturday off to attend a luxury yacht race around England's Isle of Wight to cheer on his own boat, “Bob.” It'll give him something to mull over during those long, dark nights at his new post—BP's digs in Russia.

Tracking the oil spill

Millions of gallons of oil have poured into the Gulf of Mexico since an April 20 blast on the Deepwater Horizon rig triggered a huge spill.



Campus Life

We're No. 1! UGA tops party schools ranking

By **DORIE TURNER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ATLANTA (AP)—The University of Georgia won a national title this year—top party school.

The Princeton Review announced Monday that Georgia is the No. 1 party school on its now infamous annual ranking. The school of about 30,000 students has been on the list 10 times since the ranking was created in 1992, but this is the first time the university has taken the top spot.

For the campus—surrounded by nearly 100 bars in tiny downtown Athens—parties are just part of life from August to May each year. Many students gear up for the weekend on Thursdays and sometimes don't rest until Monday morning.

"That's what people look forward to

starting Thursday—Thursday night is the new Friday night," said junior Andrew Chappell, 20. "The party atmosphere is such a big part of Georgia."

University of Georgia spokesman Tom Jackson said the list is not one the school wants to lead. He said he'd rather emphasize that the school made Princeton Review's top 50 "Best Values" list or the "Green Honor Roll" of the nation's top environmentally conscious campuses.

Georgia beat out Pennsylvania State University, West Virginia University and University of Florida—which were the top party schools over the last three years. Those three made the top 10 this year, while Ohio University ranked second.

The ranking comes after several years of work by University of Georgia administrators to curb drinking on campus and tone down the party atmosphere.



In this Sept. 20, 2008 file photo, Uga VII, the seventh English bulldog mascot for the University of Georgia team, who died last football season, keeps to the sidelines in Tempe, Ariz.

The ranking is based on e-mail surveys of 122,000 students at more than 370 colleges across the country. It combines responses on alcohol and drug use on campus, hours spent studying outside class and the popularity of fraternities and sororities.

The surveys are filled out voluntarily by students, and on average about 325 students from each campus respond, said Rob Franek, author of the 800-page book put out by Princeton Review each year with nearly 60 categories of rankings.

Colleges dismiss the rankings as unscientific and complain that they glorify dangerous behavior.

In advance of Monday's announcement, University of Colorado President Bruce Benson sent a letter to the Boulder, Colorado, Daily Camera newspaper criticizing Princeton Review and the rankings.

"What I get really upset about is this is headline-grabbing, and it's extremely unscientific," Benson told the newspaper. His school ranked 16th on the party list this year and No. 1 in 2003.

This year, Brigham Young University topped the list of "Stone-Cold Sober Schools" for the 13th straight year.

The Princeton Review is a Massachusetts-based company known for its test preparation courses, educational services and books. It's not affiliated with Princeton University.

How to fit in at a job fair



In this file photo, Marianas High School principal Karen Borja smiles for the Saipan Tribune at a Public School System job fair held on May 13, 2009.

By **DIANE STAFFORD**
THE KANSAS CITY STAR

With apologies to experienced job hunters who know these things, here's a review of job fair basics.

Based on a recent job fair, it's clear many first-time job seekers could use some pointers.

- Dress up. Don't wear baggy pants or shirts, flip-flops, untied tennis shoes, ripped jeans, clothing with slogans or graphic art, or skimpy tops that show cleavage.

The people staffing booths are likely to be wearing "office casual" or suits. Your goal is to look like you belong.

- Don't grab so many goodies that you can't easily get to your resume.

You're welcome to pick up the candy and gizmos that employers offer, but a Halloween haul isn't why you're there. Get the loot on your way out.

- Cover your tattoos and consider removing at least some piercings if you're particularly well decorated.

Remember: It's easier for hirers to identify with you if you fit their idea of an employee.

- When asked what job you're interested in, don't say, "Anything" or "I don't know."

Have in mind some kind of work, and know whether the employer you're visiting has that job as a possibility.

- Offer a firm handshake and a smile,

and make eye contact.

- Be ready with a sentence or two about any past job experience or internships you've had.

- If you've never worked for pay before, be ready to say something about your education, skills or interests.

- Have a resume. You won't be hired on the spot because of it, but it will go in a pile to be looked at later.

- Bring a pen and paper. You may want to jot down company Web or e-mail addresses to follow up with applications.

Better yet, see if you can get a name and phone number from a company representative. You'll probably be directed to an online hiring site, but if you've made a great impression, you may be able to make actual human contact.

- Don't ask, "What does this company do?"

Most job fairs publicize ahead of time the names of employers in attendance. Research who will be there and what kind of work they do.

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DO YOUR PART

A greener dorm room

By **TERRI BENNETT**
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

When we send our children off to school, of course we want them to have a nice home away from home. Here's how you can Do Your Part to make sure that it's also the healthiest environment for your student without breaking the budget.

Let's start with the basics of any design—the furniture. The greenest way to go is to reuse. Pieces like headboards, bookshelves, computer desks, or dressers made with solid wood last years and are easily found in places like Goodwill, Habitat for Humanity Re-Stores, consignment or resale shops.

Of you can let your fingers do the shopping by looking at online sites like Craigslist or Freecycle. You'll be amazed at the stuff you can find at rock bottom prices when you spend a little time looking around. If you are considering furniture made from pressed wood products, be sure to check for a formaldehyde-free label. Many of these pieces are made using a formaldehyde resin that can release irritants into the surrounding air; some of which are known to cause cancer.

When it comes to bedding items make a statement by choosing organic

cotton. The cotton used in these items is grown without using toxic pesticides and insecticides or synthetic fertilizers. Plus, your student will love the natural softness of organically grown cotton. Don't worry about breaking the bank with these items, either. You can find them at hundreds of retailers at reasonable prices.

Of course you will also want to shut

charging anything. Plug all the chargers into one power strip with an on/off switch. With the push of a button, they can completely cut the power to all those little suckers.

If cleaners and detergents are on your list be sure to opt for green choices. This keeps potentially harmful chemicals out of the environment both inside and outside their living space.

Another easy green step is to get an inexpensive water filtration jug that will allow your student to easily use tap water and refillable water bottles rather than wasting money and resources on bottled water.

Lastly, find out if the school offers a recycling program. If it does, send your student off to school with a cute recycling bin so they can do their part too. Believe me, it's

cool these days to be seen at the recycling collection center.

Whether you incorporate one or all of these ideas into your child's home away from home, you'll be doing your part to reduce waste while also cutting down on the use of harmful chemicals. Better still, you'll likely save a little money along the way.

Learn more, contact the writer at www.DoYourPart.com.



Life & Style

Charlie Sheen pleads guilty in Aspen wife assault

By P. SOLOMON BANDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ASPEN, Colo. (AP)—Charlie Sheen pleaded guilty Monday to assaulting his wife during a Christmas Day argument in exchange for a plea deal with no jail time and more serious charges dropped.

The “Two and a Half Men” actor was sentenced to 30 days in a rehabilitation center, 30 days of probation and 36 hours of anger management. He has 30 days to make arrangements for his sentence at Promises Treatment Center in California, though whether he will have to report there remains in question.

Sheen’s attorney, Yale Galanter, said the actor already has spent 93 days at Promises this year and that the center could choose to credit that time toward his sentence.

“Credit for time served is absolutely on the table,” Galanter said. “How much credit he gets is up to Promises.”

The center declined to comment, citing client privacy, and said it was not unusual for those with drug and alcohol offenses to be sentenced to rehabilitation there.

Sheen’s plea agreement called for Colorado prosecutors to drop a felony menacing charge and a criminal mischief charge in exchange for pleading guilty to a count of misdemeanor assault. The charges stem from a Christmas Day 2009 dispute with Brooke Mueller Sheen.

Sheen was scheduled to plead guilty at a hearing in June, but that hit a snag over terms of a proposed work release program. Galanter had said that a previous agreement called for Sheen to serve 30 days in the Pitkin County jail in Aspen.

District Attorney Martin Beeson said Sheen has no criminal record in Colorado and allowing him to avoid jail time



Charlie Sheen waves as he arrives at the Pitkin County Courthouse in Aspen, Colo., on Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, for a hearing in his domestic abuse case.

was not unusual. He also said that the plea carries several long-term consequences that include Sheen not being able to possess firearms.

Ninth District Judicial Judge James Boyd gave Sheen credit for time spent in anger management classes. Richard Cummins, another Sheen attorney, said Sheen already completed 36 hours of anger management classes in California, though it would be up to the 9th Judicial District probation department to

determine whether those can be applied to his Colorado case.

Sheen, dressed in a dark suit, shirt and purple tie, entered the county courthouse after waving and blowing kisses to the crowd outside, and flashing a peace sign. Inside the courtroom, he smiled and thanked a supporter who said, “We love you.”

“I’m very grateful to the court and to the people of Pitkin County,” he said in a statement after the hearing. “I look

forward to complying with the court’s decision, getting on with my life and putting this behind me.”

In handing down the sentence, Boyd said that allowing Sheen to focus on what happened and why it happened “is the best opportunity for the community to be safe.”

Brooke Mueller Sheen had told police that the actor threatened to kill her and brandished a knife after she told him she wanted a divorce. Charlie Sheen said they had argued but denied threatening her.

Sheen told police he was upset by the divorce threat. He previously went through a bitter divorce and custody battle with his ex-wife Denise Richards.

Within a week of Sheen’s arrest, he and Mueller Sheen both said they wanted to reconcile. In February, they hugged in an Aspen courtroom after a judge modified a restraining order that kept them from contacting each other.

Since the incident, both have completed alcohol rehab programs, and Galanter has said they’ve been sober for months.

Gloria Allred, the Los Angeles attorney of a former Aspen police officer who responded to Sheen’s dispute, said after the hearing that she was appalled. She said an appropriate sentence would have been jail time.

“Spousal assault and battery is a very serious crime and needs to have serious consequences,” Allred said. “The only thing missing from his sentence is the red carpet as he goes on probation with adoring fans and applause.”

It was not the first run-in with the law for Sheen, the star of films such as “Platoon,” “Wall Street” and “Hot Shots!” He agreed last month to return to “Two and a Half Men” for two more seasons.

Author Neil Gaiman wins suit over Spawn characters

MADISON, Wisconsin (AP) — “Coraline” and “Stardust” author Neil Gaiman is owed royalties for three more characters that appeared in artist Todd McFarlane’s classic Spawn comic book series, a federal court judge has ruled.

U.S. District Court Judge Barbara Crabb ruled last week that the demon Dark Ages Spawn and two scantily clad female angels, Domina and Tiffany, were derived from characters Gaiman created. Spawn tells the story of a murdered CIA agent who becomes a demon and is hunted by angels.

A jury found eight years ago that Gaiman was due money for being a co-copyright holder for three other characters that appeared in the comic series—Medieval Spawn and Angela as well as a character named Cogliostro, a one-time Spawn ally. Neither side has agreed to how much is owed.

Gaiman testified in June that he believed Dark Ages Spawn was essentially a copy of Medieval Spawn, a character he created in the ninth issue of the Spawn series in 1993. He had been invited by McFarlane to do an issue. Gaiman also said the angels known as Domina and Tiffany were copies of the red-haired Angela, a character who also debuted in Spawn No. 9.

Crabb agreed, saying all three characters were substantially similar to the ones Gaiman created.

“Certainly they are similar enough to be infringing if they had been produced and sold by someone other than the copyright owners,” she wrote. Crabb ordered McFarlane to tell Gaiman by Sept. 1 how much money had been earned through the use of the characters in posters, trading cards, clothing, action figures, comic books and anything else where they appeared.

Gaiman’s attorney Allen Arntsen said he hoped that a final accounting of how much Gaiman is owed will be done by the end of the year.

“This has been drawn out,” Arntsen said. “We’re looking forward to bringing it to a resolution.”

McFarlane’s attorney Alex Grimsley did not immediately return a message seeking comment Monday.

Gaiman commented on the ruling in a Friday blog entry, saying he wants to “forget this forever.”

“I wish I took some kind of joy in this, but I don’t,” Gaiman wrote. “At this point all I hope is that Todd can do an accounting for all the comics I wrote for which he paid no royalties, and the rest of it; and that he’ll settle up and I will make some comics charities very happy.”

McFarlane created Spawn in 1992 for a startup comic book company, Image Comics. Although it isn’t as popular as Batman or Spider-Man, the series has been fairly successful with action figures, an Emmy-winning HBO series and a 1997 movie that grossed \$87 million worldwide.

Lisa Kudrow prescribes laughter in Web series

By ALICIA RANCILIO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Former “Friends” star Lisa Kudrow is making herself laugh.

She’s reading tweets written by her character, Fiona Wallace, on the online show “Web Therapy,” which recently completed its third season. Each segment runs about 3 minutes to 16 minutes.

Kudrow’s character is a self-absorbed therapist who isn’t interested in listening to people’s issues. She’s decided that 3-minute sessions by webcam are sufficient to diagnose a patient and dole out advice. The conversation often veers off-topic and onto Wallace.

“Web Therapy” is available on Hulu, Istudio.com and for purchase on iTunes. Each webisode plays out like viewers are looking at an actual computer screen with Kudrow and a co-star interacting in double boxes over web chat.



Kudrow

explained in a recent phone interview from Los Angeles. “She doesn’t even do a good job in covering it up. She just thinks everyone else is really stupid (and) she’s the smartest person. Ever.”

In one episode, a patient says to Fiona, “I was getting the impression the last couple of sessions that I was boring you,” to which she responds, “I’m not

Unlike Fiona, who likes to keep her sessions brief, “Therapy” is expanding to other mediums. Showtime has picked up the series to combine and air as half-hour episodes. Additional material will be added to fill out the stories.

“Fiona is unabashedly self-serving,” Kudrow explained in a recent phone interview from Los Angeles. “She doesn’t even do a good job in covering it up. She just thinks everyone else is really stupid (and) she’s the smartest person. Ever.”

In one episode, a patient says to Fiona, “I was getting the impression the last couple of sessions that I was boring you,” to which she responds, “I’m not

bored. I mean I have enough of an intellectual life to keep interested in anything even you can say.”

Victor Garber plays Fiona’s husband, Kip, who may or may not be gay. Julia Louis-Dreyfus played Fiona’s sister in the show’s most recent season. Guest stars have included Jane Lynch, Selma Blair and Steven Weber.

The dialogue is mostly improvised, and actors wear an earpiece for director Don Roos to keep them on track.

“It’s really fun,” said Kudrow, who describes the process as “just listening and responding and then knowing that somewhere off in the distance we need to find our way over to a point.”

One of the most noteworthy aspects of Wallace is her voice, which Kudrow slips in and out of when talking about the character.

“I started with a friend who is really sexy, brilliant, articulate. ... This woman is like a hero to me,” she said. “I thought that’s who Fiona thinks she is, so I started with her. That voice. And then it filtered through my comedy factory which turns everyone into an idiot.”

‘Glee’ co-creator says Paul McCartney is a big fan

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—“Glee” co-creator Ryan Murphy thought he was being “punked” when a fan note arrived from Paul McCartney.

But Murphy discovered that the pop legend is an admirer of the hit Fox TV show and wants his music to be part of it. McCartney enclosed a mix of some of his tunes, including “Michelle,” and asked Murphy to consider using them on the series about high school misfits in a glee club.

“I was gobsmacked. I grew up with that guy. So, of course, we are going to

do something,” Murphy told the Television Critics Association’s summer meeting Monday.

The former Beatle won’t be the only familiar name associated with “Glee” when it returns next season. Susan Boyle, the unlikely “Britain’s Got Talent” discovery, is in talks to be part of the Christmas episode, Murphy said.

Another hour will feature the songs of Britney Spears, and the show is wooing a “major” artist, whom Murphy wouldn’t identify, for a tribute episode to air after the Super Bowl next year.

But “Glee” aims to be more intimate instead of “going bigger and overstuffing season two,” said Murphy, also an executive producer on the show.

There will be a spotlight on some of the secondary characters, such as scheming cheerleaders Santana (Naya Rivera) and Brittany (Heather Morris). The tribute episodes will be kept to just two or three and feature fewer songs.

The one saluting Madonna had nine numbers, Murphy said, “which is insane.”

“Glee” isn’t becoming a wallflower.

The cast went on a sold-out tour, there’s a “Glee” novel, titled, “Glee: The Beginning,” and Murphy said he hopes for publication of a Sue Sylvester autobiography—with Jane Lynch, who plays the sadistic cheerleading coach, going on tour in character to promote the book.

“I’m very proud of the merchandise,” Murphy said. For every two items he approves, he said, he rejects 10 proposals.

“Glee,” which melds pop songs, high school hijinks and drama into an upbeat hour, is the leading nominee at the Aug. 29 Emmy Awards with 19 bids, including best comedy series and seven acting nods for its cast and guest stars.

Lindsay Lohan released from jail, goes to rehab

By **ANTHONY McCARTNEY**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan has been released from jail, but she's not exactly a free woman.

The actress was discharged at 1:35 a.m. Monday after serving 14 days of a 90-day sentence for violating her probation in a 2007 drug case, a sheriff's spokesman said. She is now required to begin a three-month stint in rehab.

A prosecutor has said that Lohan cannot be released early and will have to spend the entire time in treatment, reportedly at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. The facility and government officials declined to say whether Lohan is a patient there, but paparazzi followed a van that received a police escort to the center after Lohan's release from jail.

Lohan's abbreviated jail stay was not unexpected, although it was considerably longer than the 84 minutes she spent at the same facility in 2007. The judge said during Lohan's surrender July 20

that she had no control over how long the actress would be jailed, but she did require her to serve her time at a women's jail operated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Lohan's attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, did not immediately return an e-mail message seeking comment.

A judge in Beverly Hills had ordered Lohan to report to rehab within a day of her release from jail, but shortened that time last week after conferring with Lohan's attorney and a prosecutor. Los Angeles sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said Monday that the actress was required to report directly to rehab.

Inmates such as Lohan, 24, who are serving time for nonviolent offenses, typically have their



Lohan

stays reduced due to overcrowding and credits for good behavior.

Media have been camped outside the jail since Lohan was booked July 20, catching shots of her mother and sister coming to visit. Holley has also frequently visited Lohan.

She was released to a waiting vehicle and did not walk out the front entryway. That avoided a spectacle similar to when Paris Hilton was released after serving a jail stint in 2007. Hilton smiled and slapped hands with deputies who held back the assembled throng of photographers before meeting her parents at a waiting sport utility vehicle.

Lohan's sentence has put several of her projects on hold, including a starring role in as Linda

Lovelace in a biopic on the porn star's life. It will also prevent her from promoting her role as a gun-toting nun in Robert Rodriguez's "Machete."

Lohan pleaded guilty in August 2007 to two misdemeanor counts of being under the influence of cocaine, and no contest to two counts of driving with a blood-alcohol level above 0.08 percent and one count of reckless driving. She was sentenced to three years of probation.

The plea came after a pair of high-profile arrests earlier that year.

The jail facility in Lynwood has hosted several starlets, including actress Michelle Rodriguez and Hilton.

Rodriguez served 18 days of her 180-day sentence and was released in January 2008. Hilton served 23 days in 2007 after she was caught driving twice on a suspended license while on probation for reckless driving.

At the time, inmates serving time for nonviolent offenses were serving about 10 percent of their sentences; that figure has now increased to about 25 percent, Whitmore said.

Singer Jimmy Wayne completes 1,700-mile walk

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Country singer Jimmy Wayne can finally put his feet up.

He arrived in Phoenix Sunday with a broken foot after walking approximately 1,700 miles (2,700 kilometers) over the past seven months. A high school marching band and several hundred fans walked with Wayne down the home stretch as he approached his destination at HomeBase Youth Services.

Wayne took steps gingerly with his right foot in a walking boot while people chanted his name.

Wayne started the "Meet Me Halfway" campaign on Jan. 1 in Nashville with the goal of walking halfway across the country for at-risk youth, specifically for those in danger of aging out of the foster care system with no support or resources. He was a homeless teen, in and out of foster homes, until a couple took him in at age 16.

"I hope that when someone says, 'Wow. He walked halfway across America to raise awareness for at-risk teens,' I hope that they realize that the most impor-

tant part of that sentence is 'at-risk teens who are aging out of the system and becoming homeless,'" Wayne said in an interview. "The walk itself ... a lot of people are blown away with that, but I hope that they're more blown away with the message."

Wayne, whose biggest hit is "Do You Believe Me Now?," braved extreme weather conditions throughout his walk. After taking off in the dead of winter, he remembered sleeping on the ground in sub-freezing temperatures, saying it was so

cold that his sleeping bag froze over. He also had to face brutal heat, walking through the desert in the middle of summer. The journey was longer and harder than he ever anticipated.

"There's that little side of me that says, 'I'm glad I didn't know,' because if I had known, I'm almost certain, I know me, I probably wouldn't have done it," said Wayne. "I'm glad I didn't know what lay ahead. I'm glad I didn't know the timeframe. I'm just glad I went into it as blind as I did."

Wayne said he will always be involved in efforts to end teen homelessness, but he's happy that his trek is over.

"I plan on doing my part. I don't plan on walking six states again. I won't ever do that again," said Wayne, laughing. "I don't know if I'll ever do anything this hard again. I'll I'm doing is asking folks just to help me take the awareness that we've raised already and keep nurturing it."

Wayne gives full credit to his foster parents, Russell and Bea-

trice Costner, for changing his life. He said they took him off the streets as a teen and encouraged his music career.

"They were so supportive of me when I lived there," said Wayne. "I started writing poems when I was 12, but Mrs. Costner realized that I wrote poems, and she also wrote poems. She played the piano and she was always telling me, 'You should put your poems with music.'"

They both passed away many years ago, but their influence on his life continues.

"I think that they would be very happy to know that I followed my heart once again."

Fox couldn't talk DeGeneres into staying on 'Idol'

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Ellen DeGeneres couldn't be talked into staying with "American Idol," a Fox executive said Monday, creating a second opening for change in the show's 10th season.

Who will fill her judge's chair and the one vacated by Simon Cowell were questions left unanswered by Peter Rice, chairman of entertainment for the Fox Networks Group.

"There are no deals signed on either side of the camera" with newcomers, Rice told a meeting of the Television Critics Association.

Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez and Aerosmith singer Steven Tyler have been reported as front-runners for the panel. Rice said some of the media speculation about the future of "American Idol" were accurate and that some were "wildly inaccurate."

He also declined to discuss the status of original judge Randy Jackson, reports that Kara DioGuardi might be in jeopardy after two years on the panel or whether former "American Idol" producer Nigel Lythgoe is in talks to return.

Rice said the goal was to have the judges in place by mid-September, when auditions that include the panel

will be filmed. Would-be contestants at the auditions under way now are being screened by producers and others.

Judges with the chemistry to make for good entertainment and the ability to effectively assess talent are key, he said.

Cowell got a splashy farewell in the "American Idol" season finale in May, months after announcing his departure. He's launching a new talent show, "The X Factor" on Fox next year.

Last week, DeGeneres said she'd decided to exit despite reportedly signing a five-year contract with "Idol" because she felt uncomfortable playing critic to the show's contestants.

Rice told reporters he tried to persuade her it would be different in the future, but the talk show host and comedian was unmoved.

The revamp comes after a season during which ratings dipped, but was not enough to knock "American Idol" from the No. 1 spot. Besides halting the slide, Fox also wants to draw more younger, advertiser-favored viewers to the show, which has seen its audience age during nearly a decade on the air.

Van carrying bands crashes in US, vocalist killed

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)—A van carrying two metal bands crashed Monday on Interstate 5, killing a vocalist and injuring two guitarists, police said.

The San Francisco-area bands Early Graves and The Funeral Pyre played a show in Oregon on Sunday and were heading to Nevada when the driver lost control after falling asleep, state police Lt. Gregg Hastings said.

The van rolled over and came to a stop in a grassy area off the freeway.

Makh Daniels, 28, of Pacifica, California, died at the scene, Hastings said. He was the vocalist for Early Graves, which recently released its second album, "Goner."

Daniels was ejected from a rear cargo area, where he and two others had been lying down. He was not wearing a seat belt, Hastings said.

The driver was identified as Justin Garcia, 24, a guitarist for The Funeral Pyre. He and a passenger, Early

Graves guitarist Tyler Jensen, were taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries not considered life-threatening.

Six other men escaped injury in the van, which was pulling a utility trailer.

Early Graves said on its MySpace page it had been on the road since June 25 in support of its new album, playing gigs from Southern California to New England and then back to the West. The group was scheduled to perform in Reno on Monday.

In press materials announcing the album release, Daniels said he had been through some dark times and writing the lyrics, with themes of loneliness and depression, had been "an exorcism of sorts."

"Doing this record has been absolutely necessary for all of us in the band," Daniels said. "And personally, it's the proudest I've ever been of anything I've ever done."



PAMELA TO THE RESCUE

Actress Pamela Anderson takes several dogs for a walk, Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, in New Orleans. Anderson was on hand to walk and help send off about 50 dogs that are being moved from Louisiana to Virginia who've been orphaned by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Anderson, PETA's honorary director, paid all the expenses and costs to relocate the dogs. Anderson chose two dogs to adopt and take home herself.

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Nick Jonas, Jordin Sparks chair Reagan youth

LOS ANGELES (AP)—They weren't even alive when he was president, but 18-year-old Jonas brother Nick Jonas and 21-year-

'True Blood' werewolf walks his canine co-star



In this June 8, 2010 file photo, actor Joe Manganiello arrives at the premiere for third season of HBO's "True Blood" in Los Angeles.

NEW YORK (AP)—"True Blood" star Joe Manganiello has bonded with the wolf that plays the canine side of his character — so much so that he recently began taking his co-star on walks.

The actor plays werewolf Al-cide on the series. A North American Timber Wolf named Thunder is his canine counterpart.

Manganiello says Thunder is on a giant chain while they walk to ensure that the animal doesn't

get spooked and run away.

Unlike his character, Manganiello admits to getting hit with "an amount of fear" when working with the undomesticated animals. Handlers have advised him not to have meat around Thunder or make any sudden movements.

He says the wolves are "surprisingly gigantic" with "wild-looking, piercing yellow eyes."

"True Blood" airs Sundays on HBO.

old "American Idol" champ Jordin Sparks are big Ronald Reagan fans.

The pop singers are leading a committee of 35 prominent young people touched by the life of the 40th U.S. president who left the White House in 1989.

The group was formed to commemorate Reagan's 100th birthday on Feb. 6.

The National Youth Leadership Committee of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Celebration includes athletes, entertainers and student leaders who are under age 25. They have been inspired in a personal way by Reagan's vision of freedom and his leadership.

"My father and my family were supporters of Reagan," Jo-

nas said. "I'm proud to be a part of this. It's amazing."

Sparks says she also admires the president dubbed the Great Communicator.

"It has been really cool to tell my friends I'm a part of this. A good many of my friends have positive things to say about him," Sparks said.

Together, committee members have 18 Olympic medals, 2 platinum records and a Miss USA crown. There are sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, professional football players and a student from Illinois' Eureka College, where Reagan was a student in 1932.

Reagan died on June 5, 2004, after a decade-long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Most jurors eliminated in Anna Nicole Smith case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The first day of questioning prospective jurors in the Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case has ended with most of the possible panelists eliminated.

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry finished Monday's session by ordering another group to report the following day after attorney challenges excluded all but a few of the first 60 prospective jurors to be questioned.

Among those removed was a Scientologist who said he believed psychiatry was a fraud and a fan of Smith's reality TV show who said the Playboy model's boyfriend-lawyer, Howard Stern, did not do enough to save her from drugs.

Stern and two of her doctors have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to get massive amounts



Anna Nicole Smith, leaves the U.S. Supreme Court, in this Feb. 28, 2006, file photo taken in Washington.

of opiates and sedatives for Smith, who died of an overdose in 2007.

artist. The CMT Awards are also fan-voted.

Writer-director Tom Mankiewicz dies in LA at 68

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Tom Mankiewicz, the screenwriter of such James Bond films as "Diamonds Are Forever" and "Live and Let Die" and the first two "Superman" movies, has died in Los Angeles at 68. Mankiewicz died Saturday at his home after battling cancer. He underwent the Whipple operation, which is used to treat pancreatic cancer, three months ago. A cause of death was not immediately known. He was a member of Hollywood's legendary Mankiewicz family: His father was Joseph L. Mankiewicz, director of classics including "All About Eve," "A Letter to Three Wives" and "The Barefoot Contessa." He was also the nephew of "Citizen Kane" co-writer Herman J. Mankiewicz. Tom Mankiewicz directed the 1987 movie "Drag- net," starring Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks, and several episodes of the TV series "Hart to Hart."

Attraction to father-in-law is in danger of overheating

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm 25 and have been married to "Bob" for five years. The problem is, I'm in love with his 53-year-old father. I have always been attracted to "Charlie," but my feelings have escalated since Bob's mother died last year.

After the funeral, Charlie was lonely and started coming to our house. Most of the time Bob was at work, so Charlie and I became very close. At one family get-together, Charlie kissed me passionately in the kitchen when no one was around.

I don't know what to do. I think I am seriously in love with Charlie, but my husband is a wonderful man and I would never want to hurt him. If I tell Bob the truth, not only will it destroy our marriage, but forever ruin Bob's relationship with his father.

Should I ignore my feelings for Charlie and pretend it never happened? Or should I tell Bob what happened, hoping he'll understand?

IN LOVE WITH THE OLDER VERSION

DEAR IN LOVE: Charlie may have been lonely and grieving when he started coming over, but when you both recognized that you were becoming attracted to each other, a stop should have been put to it. That he would actually hit on you "when no one was looking" is disgraceful. (Was he sober?)

If you tell your husband, he will indeed "understand," and I don't recommend it. You need professional counseling, and Charlie needs to be told that poaching on the family preserve is not allowed, so he should spend his lonely hours looking for company that's available. What you have described isn't love; it's a scandal.

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago I placed my second child for adoption. I was a single mom with a 3-year-old boy to raise and the father was in the military for an extended mission. I thought long and hard before I did it and decided that the gift I could give to another couple was better than the life I could offer a child as a single parent.

I am still in contact with the father. We speak often, comfort each other and just talk. Some people—mainly men I have dated—find this relationship disturbing. It has caused two relationships to end.

Abby, am I wrong to continue a friendship with the father of a child I gave up for adoption? I know that at some point the past needs to be the past, and I'll have to deal with it for the rest of my life. Is it wrong to want to have that other person there to connect with me and understand firsthand what a hard life decision I went through?

GIVEN UP SO MUCH ALREADY IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR GIVEN UP SO MUCH: No, but if you are trying to cultivate and maintain a relationship with someone else, you need to recognize that clinging to the father of that child and talking to him "often" was somewhere between threatening and a turn-off for the men you were involved with. THEY should have been the ones providing understanding and comfort—not him.

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with my boyfriend for three years. We have often talked about a future together, complete with a house, kids, etc. I am the breadwinner while he is working hard to achieve success as an artist. The role reversal suits us just fine except for one thing. I would like to become engaged, but I feel I can't expect him to propose when I know he has very little money. Abby, should I propose to him?

BREADWINNER IN NEW YORK, N.Y.

DEAR BREADWINNER: I don't see why not. It happens every day!

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Brazilian producers say Stallone owes them \$2.2M

SAO PAULO (AP)—A movie production company in Brazil says Sylvester Stallone owes nearly \$2.2 million for its work on "The Expendables" last year. In a statement, O2 does not specify what work it did but says it was not a co-producer on the project. Stallone publicist Michelle Bega in Los Angeles told The Associated Press on Monday that she would not comment.

Stieg Larsson boxed set to be released Nov. 26

NEW YORK (AP)—Arriving in time for Christmas: the Stieg Larsson boxed set. The late Swedish author's multimillion-selling Millennium trilogy will be released in a boxed set Nov. 26. It will feature hardcovers of "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" and its two successors, a collection of essays about Larsson and e-mails between Larsson and his editor in Sweden. The release was announced Monday by publisher Alfred A. Knopf. The set has a

list price of \$99. The trilogy stars a tattooed computer hacker and journalist who get entangled in murder mysteries, sex trafficking scandals and secret government units. More than 30 million copies of the books have been sold worldwide, including 50,000 copies a day in the United States.

Ex-'One Tree Hill' star explains pre-baby absence

NEW YORK (AP)—Don't expect to see photos of Hilarie Burton and her baby on magazine covers. The former "One Tree Hill" star took a break from Hollywood leading up to the birth of her son with boyfriend Jeffrey Dean Morgan. She and Morgan went public with their relationship last April at the Los Angeles premiere of "The Losers," which Morgan starred in. Of Morgan, she says: "We're really happy, and we're a very good team. And we got very lucky that our family is what it is." In keeping with her private ways, Burton wouldn't confirm their son's name or birth date. She says: "I want to protect them like a mama wolf should."

Burton is in New York to film an episode arc for the USA network show, "White Collar." Her first episode airs Aug. 10 at 9 p.m. ET (Aug. 11 at 0100 GMT).

Fox launches new country music awards show

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—There are the CMAs, the ACMs and the CMTs, and come December, country music will have a new awards show: the ACAs. The first-ever American Country Awards will be fan-voted and air live on Fox Dec. 6 from Las Vegas. The year's top artists will perform and make appearances throughout the two-hour special. ACA executive producer Bob Bain says in a statement that the awards will highlight country music's diversity, as seen in crossover stars like Carrie Underwood and Lady Antebellum and will also honor country music legends. Fans will pick the winners in categories that include artist of the year, album of the year, touring artist of the year, single of the year and music video by a breakthrough

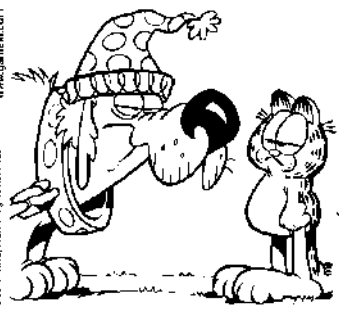
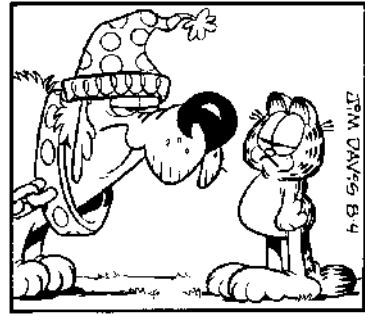
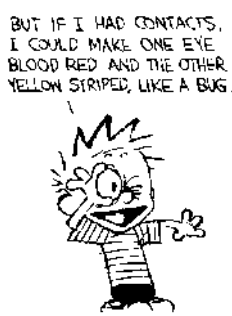
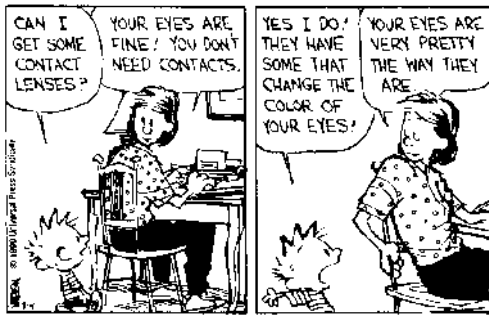
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jeff Gordon, 39; Daniel Dae Kim, 42; Billy Bob Thornton, 55; Richard Belzer, 66

Happy Birthday: There will be a change in your financial picture that can go either way, depending on the way you handle the people around you and answer questions asked about your past. Don't be afraid to face your enemy and your supporters with unfiltered truthfulness. The outcome is in your hands, so rise to the occasion. Your numbers are 9, 12, 20, 26, 31, 34, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Past experience will help you decide on business and personal partnerships. Get involved in new ventures and activities that allow you to meet people from different backgrounds. Don't let emotions stand in the way of change. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Strive for perfection. Share your plans and you will get the support you want and need. Romance is in the picture and time put aside to spend with someone you care for will enhance your relationship. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An attraction to someone off-limits may jeopardize your job. Keep your desires to yourself. Your quick response to what others do and say will put you ahead of any competition, allowing you to please the people who count. ***

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Luise Villagomez Sanchez, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Letters of Administration, and the following Petition: Petition To Open Estate Account/Auction LMJ Business Equipment and Assets/make demand for Receivables owed to Estate/Pay for Attorney's Fee and Deposit for the Estate of Joseph Pangelinan Villagomez, Deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**
The hearing on the Petition by **Luise Villagomez Sanchez**, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on **August 24, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.**, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.
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HOF induction caps ultimate goal for Emmitt



IRVING, Texas

(AP)—The story is true. As a rookie, Emmitt Smith really did tell Michael Irvin that he was going to become the NFL's all-time leading rusher.

But let the record also show that Smith was setting a goal, not making a prediction.

"The conversation started with Michael asking me, 'What did I want to do in this league?'" Smith recalled.

Smith always liked a good challenge.

Told he was too small and too slow all the way back in high school, all he did was set national records. Then he went to the University of Florida—as a backup. His first start came on the road against a ranked Alabama team and all he did was set the school's single-game rushing record.

His lack of size and speed was supposed to catch up to him in the NFL, or at least keep him from dominating. That's why 16 players were chosen before him in the 1990 draft. When the Dallas Cowboys took him, they weren't sure he was the perfect complement to Troy Aikman and Irvin; they just hoped so because the defensive guy they really wanted already was taken.

The 5-foot-9 1/2 Smith indeed was the perfect fit. And his desire, drive and durability turned him into the most productive running back in NFL history.

On Saturday night, Smith will do the only things left in his career: slip on the gold blazer and unveil the bust signifying his spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

His speech is already written and it's big on thank yous to the people who've meant the most in his life and his career. As much as others helped shape him, Smith takes great pride in having made the most of his abilities and his circumstances.

"I was motivated by one thing and one thing only: winning games," Smith said. "I wanted to win. And I wanted to win very bad."

Calling Smith the most productive running back is not the same as calling him the greatest. He certainly belongs in that conversation, too.

But think about the difference between those distinctions. Would you rather have a dazzler or a producer?

Although he didn't bulldoze like Earl Campbell, blaze like Eric Dickerson or leave defenders grasping air like Barry Sanders, Smith churned out the most career yards rushing (18,355) and most touchdowns rushing (164).

Yes, he also had the most carries (4,409), but longevity is a badge of honor in the NFL, especially for a guy defenses spent all week plotting to crunch the 20 to 25 times per game he had the ball. Smith made it through 15 seasons (13 in Dallas, two in Arizona), plus another 17 postseason games. He missed only a few games because of injury during his prime years.

"I don't remember a practice that he ever missed because of flu or sickness," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who will present Smith for induction.

Smith won four rushing titles, matching Sanders, Dickerson and O.J. Simpson for the most during the Super Bowl era. And that's not even the impressive part. Smith was the first rushing champion to win a Super Bowl the same season, and he did it three times.

He was the first NFL MVP from the



This Feb. 6, 2010, file photo shows Emmitt Smith shedding a tear after being elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Cowboys and is still the only one. He also won the Super Bowl MVP that season. That sweep has been done before and since, but he's the only non-quarterback to do it.

At the risk of getting too stat-oriented, there are a few more that help put his career in perspective.

Smith gained at least 100 yards in 78 games. That's nearly five full sea-

son's worth. (He had seven more in the postseason.)

He had 11 seasons of at least 1,000 yards, one more than Walter Payton, Sanders or Curtis Martin, and they

Redskins' D gets used to life without Haynesworth



ASHBURN, Va. (AP)—

Albert Haynesworth just stands there, wearing his baseball cap and watching his teammates play.

And the guys wearing the helmets? They're becoming used to playing without him.

One reason the Washington Redskins can let their most infamous malcontent twist in the wind day after day is because they can put together a decent starting defensive line without him. While Mike Shanahan opened the door just a sliver Monday that he might one day let Haynesworth practice without passing the team's conditioning test, the coach can also point to Ma'ake Kemoeatu, Adam Carriker and Kedric Golston and feel confident in what he sees.

"Very confident," Shanahan said. "That's what you do. You practice with the guys that are in football shape—and are doing what they can to help your football team."

The trio has already logged hundreds of training camp snaps together as the front line of the team's new 3-4 defense, the scheme a certain two-time All-Pro defensive tackle tried so hard to avoid. When and if he ever does practice, there won't exactly be a loud chorus of "Make Room For Haynesworth."

"We've got three good players. We've got three guys who work hard," Carriker said. "We're build-

ing a chemistry. We're not there yet, but we're getting to the point where I know what (Kemoeatu) is going to do before he does it. The more we get to do that, the better it'll be."

Haynesworth will initially work with the reserves when he does start practicing, Shanahan has decreed. Players say Haynesworth also has plenty of ground to make up on the team's camaraderie depth chart for boycotting the offseason workouts.

"He's been gone all year," fullback Mike Sellers said. "He hasn't been missed. Once he gets in shape, I guess, and gets back on the field, that's a plus always, but we've gone so long without him. It's kind of hard to miss him. ... Everybody put in the work. We really wanted him here to put in the work with us."

Because Haynesworth stayed away during the offseason—while wishing for a trade that never came—the team is requiring him to pass the conditioning test before he can practice. He has failed three times, including Monday, when soreness in his left knee forced him to pull up early. Should the saga go on and on and on without resolution, Shanahan said he "possibly" might eventually allow Haynesworth to practice without passing the test.

Certainly, the Redskins would be better with Haynesworth than without him. For one thing, the Kemoeatu-Carriker-Golston line has its share of pitfalls.

The threesome have experience—a combined 117 NFL starts—but only six of those starts came last year. Kemoeatu missed the entire season with the Carolina Panthers after tearing his right Achilles' tendon in training camp, Carriker sat out the season with the St. Louis Rams after tearing a muscle in his right shoulder, and Golston was mostly a backup with the Redskins playing in a different position—defensive tackle in a 4-3 scheme.

Kemoeatu and Carriker say they're recovered from their injuries and are working their way back into full football shape, but even a healthy starting line rotates in and out of the game to stay fresh. Kemoeatu's current backup at nose tackle is Anthony Bryant, a fourth-year player who has been cut six times in his career.

Haynesworth doesn't want to play nose tackle, and he appears to have lost enough weight to warrant some coveted play-making snaps at defensive end. He's shown that when he's motivated he can be a dominant player, but he hasn't played 16 games since he was a rookie in 2002.

With Shanahan in charge, Haynesworth will have to show both motivation and fitness—and then have some catching up to do—before getting a chance to displace Kemoeatu, Carriker or Golston.

"The more days that he's not out here," defensive end Phillip Daniels said, "he gets further behind."

were all in a row. Smith also came within 63 yards the seasons before and after the streak. He was within 63 yards again in his last season, which brings up one last astounding feat: rushing for 5,789 yards after turning 30.

"He understood our blocking schemes and he knew what he could do and couldn't do," said Nate Newton, his longtime left guard.

When it comes to individual achievement plus team success, only Jerry Rice compares. Fittingly, he's also being enshrined this weekend.

Just as Rice was fortunate to catch passes from Joe Montana and Steve Young in an offense designed by Bill Walsh, Smith was fortunate to play in an offense featuring a powerful line, a ramming fullback in Daryl Johnston and the Aikman-Irvin tandem that kept defenses from loading up against the run or made them pay when they did.

Smith, Aikman and Irvin were dubbed "The Triplets" by coach Barry Switzer. The name stuck, mainly because of how they embraced it. Each was a star in his own right, yet together they were even better, lifting the Dallas Cowboys to three Super Bowls titles in four seasons (1992-95), while reaching "only" the NFC championship in their down year.

Smith's induction reunites them as Hall of Famers, too; Aikman and Irvin will be in Canton, Ohio, for the ceremony.

Aikman didn't throw as much as he might have wanted because he realized the team was better off running so much. Johnston literally sacrificed his neck for Smith, needing two surgeries to repair the damage done by all those helmet-first blocks to pry open holes.

Both were glad to have done it. When they retired, each tearfully said his biggest regret was not getting to be on the field when Smith broke the rushing record.

Johnston actually was there, as a broadcaster. He ended up too overcome by emotion to speak. Smith raised his arms in triumph and looked through the hole in the roof of Texas Stadium. It was later voted the greatest moment in the building's history.

But the defining performance of Smith's career was the 1993 season finale.

The defending champion Cowboys had started 0-2 while Smith fought for a new contract. After an irate Charles Haley plugged his helmet through a locker-room wall, Jones made Smith the highest-paid running back in NFL history. Dallas won nine of the next 11 games, with one of the losses the snowy Thanksgiving game against Miami when Leon Lett slid into a would-have-been dead ball, giving the Dolphins a second chance at a winning field goal.

Playing the Giants at the Meadowlands, the stakes were huge. The winner took the division and a first-round bye. Smith also had a shot at a second straight rushing title, despite having spotted his competition a two-game head start.

Smith separated his right shoulder but refused to come out and refused to be used as a decoy. He ran 32 times and caught 10 passes for 229 yards and a touchdown, leading Dallas to a 16-13 overtime victory.

He had days with more yards and won games that meant more. But that game went a long way toward cementing him as a Hall of Famer.

Rays' Hellickson wins major-league debut



ST. PETERSBURG, Florida
(AP)—Jeremy

Hellickson won his major league debut and Matt Joyce drove in a pair of runs as the Tampa Bay Rays beat Minnesota 4-2 on Monday night to end the Twins' eight-game winning streak.

Hellickson (1-0) allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings, helping the Rays win for the ninth time in the last 10 games. Dan Wheeler got the final two outs for his third save.

Jason Kubel homered and had two RBIs for the Twins, while Carl Pavano (13-7) gave up four runs and nine hits over six innings. He had been 8-0 in his previous 10 starts.

Twins catcher Joe Mauer was out of the lineup for the second straight game after receiving a cortisone shot in his right shoulder on Saturday. The reigning American League MVP, dealing with tendinitis since he took a foul tip off the shoulder last month, could start Tuesday.

Indians 6, Red Sox 5

At Boston, Fausto Carmona rebounded from his worst start of the season with seven solid innings, and Shelley Duncan had a career-high four hits to lift the Indians.

The victory proved costly, though. Cleveland catcher Carlos Santana was taken off the field on a stretcher with his left leg in an air cast after blocking home in the seventh inning.

Carmona (11-8) allowed only two runs and eight hits, and Chris Gomez worked the ninth for his 13th save as the Indians won their third straight road game.

Adrian Beltre hit two homers and drove in five runs for Boston, which lost first baseman Kevin Youkilis to injury. John Lackey (10-6) took the loss.

Blue Jays 8, Yankees 6

At New York, Travis Snider hit two of an AL record-equaling six doubles in a seven-run fifth inning, and the Blue Jays prolonged Alex Rodriguez's search for his 600th homer.

Snider began the barrage of doubles with a leadoff hit against A.J. Burnett (9-9) and finished it with a drive off Sergio Mitre. In between, Fred Lewis, Jose Bautista, Vernon Wells and Aaron Hill also had doubles to match the Washington Senators, who had six against the Boston Red Sox on June 9, 1934, and the Texas Rangers on July 31, 2002, against the Yankees.

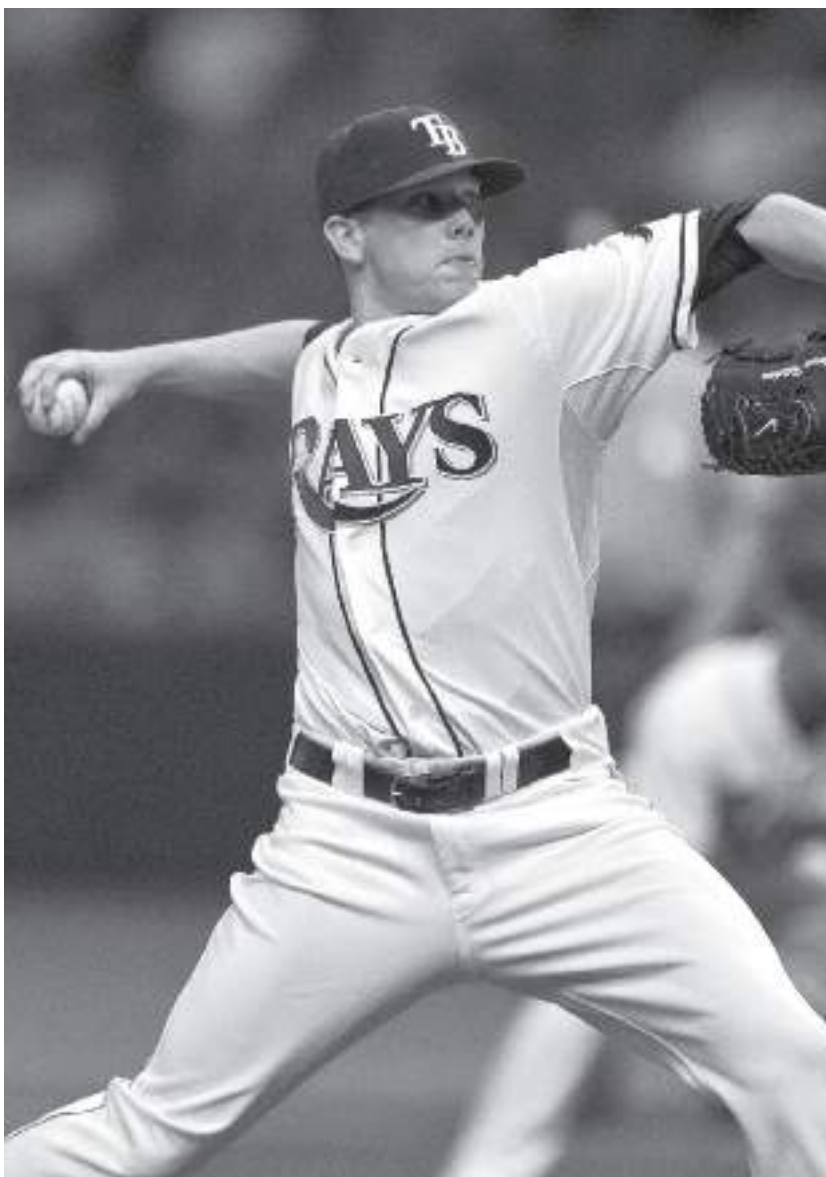
The Yankees rallied from an 8-2 deficit but fell into a share of first place in the AL East with Tampa Bay, which beat the Minnesota Twins 4-2. New York dropped two of three games this weekend against the Rays. The Yankees had been alone in first since June 20.

Morrow (8-6) won his third straight start, and Kevin Gregg earned his 24th save.

Athletics 6, Royals 0

At Oakland, Trevor Cahill threw a three-hitter for his first complete game and Rajai Davis hit a two-run homer as the Athletics ended the Royals' three-game winning streak.

Matt Watson, Kevin Kouzmanoff and Coco Crisp also drove in runs for the A's, who won their fifth game of the last six played at home. Cahill



Tampa Bay Rays starter Jeremy Hellickson pitches against the Minnesota Twins during the fourth inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

(11-4) recorded the A's third consecutive complete game by scattering four walks and striking out three.

Mitch Maier, Wilson Betemit and Chris Getz collected the only hits for the Royals, who were shut out for the first time since July 4 and the fifth time overall.

Royals' starter Brian Bannister (7-11) lost his sixth straight decision and is winless since June 23. He allowed five runs on seven hits, walking four and striking out four.

Brewers 18, Cubs 1

At Chicago, Prince Fielder drove in five runs and had five of Milwaukee's season-high 26 hits and Yovani Gallardo equaled a season-high with 12 strikeouts as the Brewers pounded Chicago.

The Cubs tied a franchise record

for hits allowed, matching Sept. 2, 1957, when they lost to the Milwaukee Braves.

After scoring two runs in a three-game series against Houston, the Brewers broke out against an overmatched pitching staff.

Ryan Braun also had five hits for Milwaukee, which snapped a five-game losing streak. Casey McGhee had a three-run homer and Fielder had a three-run double.

Corey Hart finished with four hits for the Brewers.

Gallardo (10-5) allowed one run and two hits over six innings.

The Cubs have lost a season-high six straight and have been outscored 62-17 in that span.

Chicago finished with four hits, all doubles.

Astros 9, Cardinals 4

At St. Louis, Jeff Keppinger had two hits and four RBIs, including a key hit during a go-ahead three-run eighth inning, as Houston won its sixth straight and spoiled Jake Westbrook's St. Louis.

Albert Pujols homered for the third straight game and Westbrook worked six strong innings for St. Louis, which lost for only the second time in 13 home games. The Cardinals have lost four straight at home to Houston, falling a half-game behind Cincinnati in the NL Central.

Keppinger's RBI double off Mike MacDougal (1-1) tied it at 4 and Carlos Lee scored the go-ahead run by beating a wide throw home from second baseman Skip Schumaker on Chris Johnson's bases-loaded chopper.

Nelson Figueroa (3-1) allowed an RBI double by Felipe Lopez that put the Cardinals ahead 4-2 in the seventh.

Westbrook, acquired in a three-way deal last week, had seven strikeouts, one off his season high.

Reds 4, Pirates 0

At Pittsburgh, rookie Travis Wood allowed two singles over seven innings and fill-in first baseman Miguel Cairo drove in two runs for Cincinnati in a 4-0 victory over Pittsburgh on Monday night.

Russ Springer, the 41-year-old right-hander brought up from the minors earlier in the day, and Arthur Rhodes, the 40-year-old first-time All-Star, pitched an inning each to complete the combined three-hitter — Cincinnati's seventh shutout and fifth victory in six games.

The Pirates, on track for their record-extending 18th consecutive losing season and their first 100-loss season since 2001, have been outscored 34-5 while losing their last five.

Wood (2-1) had made only six previous career starts, winning once.

Cairo, filling in for NL RBIs leader Joey Votto, who sat out with a sprained right wrist, had a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Russ Ohlendorf (1-9) walked four and hit a batter over five innings.

Braves 4, Mets 1

At Atlanta, Tim Hudson pitched six solid innings and Rick Ankiel drove in two runs with his first hit for the Braves.

Ankiel's two-out, two-run single came in a three-run first inning.

Chipper Jones added a solo home run in the seventh for the Braves, who had lost five of seven and two straight.

The Mets lost their second straight and 10th in 14, and have won only six of their last 23 games.

Hudson (12-5) allowed six hits, one run, walked three and struck out three.

Johan Santana (8-6) gave up nine hits, four runs, walked two and had a season-high 11 strikeouts in seven innings.

Billy Wagner pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his 25th save in 30 opportunities.

Nationals 3, Diamondbacks 1

At Phoenix, Adam Dunn hit his 26th homer and Livan Hernandez baffled hitters into the eighth inning for Washington.

Ivan Rodriguez became the fifth catcher to hit 300 homers with a solo shot off Rodrigo Lopez (5-10) in the second, and Dunn hit another into the swimming pool in right-center the next inning.

Hernandez (8-7) kept the Diamondbacks off balance with a curveball that barely cracked 60 mph at times. He allowed one run and five hits over 7 1-3 innings. Sean Burnett got the final five outs for his first save since closer Matt Capps was traded.

Rodriguez led off the second inning with his second homer of the season to join Mike Piazza, Carlton Fisk, Johnny Bench and Yogi Berra in the catchers' 300 club.

Padres 10, Dodgers 5

At Los Angeles, Chase Headley had four hits, including a three-run homer, while Will Venable homered and drove in four runs for San Diego.

Clayton Richard (9-5) allowed four runs and 10 hits over 5 1-3 innings and struck out six.

The Padres increased their division lead over the idle San Francisco Giants to two games with their seventh victory in 10 games. The fourth-place Dodgers, whose sixth straight loss equaled their longest skid this season, are a season-worst nine games off the pace after winning the last two division titles.

Matt Kemp had a career-high five hits, including a solo homer and two RBI singles, for the Dodgers.

Hiroki Kuroda (8-10) was charged with five runs—four earned—and seven hits over four innings. Dodgers starting pitchers had a 1.81 ERA over the previous 15 games.

Armstrong lawyers say USADA offering riders deals

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Lance Armstrong's attorneys say the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency is offering cyclists a "sweetheart deal" if they testify or provide evidence that the seven-time Tour de France winner cheated by doping.

If those riders have been caught doping, the deal from USADA could result in a reduced ban from competition and other incentives, attorney Tim Herman told The Associated Press on Monday.

Federal investigators in Los Angeles are looking at cheating in professional cycling and have shown interest in Armstrong since former teammate and 2006 Tour de France winner Floyd Landis alleged this spring that Armstrong and others took performance-enhancing drugs, which Armstrong

strongly denies.

In 2007, Landis said USADA offered him a similar deal to finger Armstrong. At the time, Landis called the offer "offensive" and did not provide evidence against Armstrong.

USADA spokeswoman Erin Hannan said the agency could not comment in detail about an investigation.

"Our effort in any investigation is a search for the truth, nothing more and nothing less," Hannan said. "On behalf of clean athletes, we will fairly and thoroughly evaluate all evidence of doping to reveal the truth. When the process results in credible evidence of doping, clean athletes can rest assured we will take appropriate action under the rules established by federal law."

USADA has a history of reducing penalties for athletes who provide evidence of doping violations by other athletes, but asking for information about specific athletes is not allowed under the agency's rules.

Armstrong's attorneys say USADA's current offer is for riders to talk to federal investigator Jeff Novitzky, who could then give the information to USADA. A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Presumably, the alleged deal would only be worthwhile for riders who are still competing or young enough to return to competition if a ban was lifted.

"USADA is promising riders a sweetheart deal if they can produce

anything harmful on Armstrong," Herman said. "A rider who has doped, they tell them, 'If you can finger Armstrong, we'll get out the eraser ... and everything is cool.'"

Herman said he could not disclose which rider or riders have been offered a deal.

Landis implicated at least 16 other people in various doping acts, including longtime Armstrong confidant George Hincapie, Armstrong's current Team Radioshack teammate Levi Leipheimer and another elite American rider, Dave Zabriskie.

Tyler Hamilton, who rode in support of Armstrong on the U.S. Postal Service team in 1999 and 2000 reportedly has been subpoenaed.

CNMI drops baseball, women's basketball games

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KOROR, Palau— From a killer win to a shocking loss. After a big debut against Pohnpei, the CNMI Baseball Team lost to Kosrae, 0-6, last Monday at the Asahi Ball Field here.

The game against Kosrae players was the Commonwealth sluggers' second in a day with only less than three hours separating the latter's debut and game No. 2.

The CNMI won its morning match against Pohnpei, 12-1. The game was originally scheduled for 9am, but started more than an hour later due to rain and finished past 12pm.

Team manager Tony Rogolifo's wards then returned to the Athletes Village at the Palau Community College and before 3pm went back to the field for their second game of the day.

Against Kosrae, which came off a 0-12 loss to Palau last Sunday, the best that the CNMI could do was make it to third base.

Left fielder Josh Jones put the Commonwealth in a scoring position when he blasted a dou-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The CNMI's Jeneque Benavente fights for the leather against a Palau player during their game in the women's basketball competition in the 7th Micronesian Games at the Palau National Gymnasium in Koror.

ble at the bottom of the second inning and moved to third on a Kosrae error with only one out.

However, Jones was left stranded at third base after the designated hitter was beaten at second after hitting a single and

Mike Pangelinan was tagged out, also at second base.

Kosrae took the win after scoring two runs each in the second and seventh inning and one apiece in the third and fourth.

The CNMI was hoping to re-

cover yesterday during its game against Guam. The Guam-CNMI tiff was played at 7pm thus results were unavailable at press time. Guam won its first two games.

Suffering a similar fate to

that off the CNMI sluggers were the Commonwealth's cage belles, who bowed to host Palau, 47-64.

The CNMI stuck close to Palau in the first three quarters before collapsing in the fourth, scoring only three field goals.

Connie Camacho nailed the first basket of the game, making a reverse layup. However, that's the only time the CNMI led, as Palau began asserting its might against the visiting team.

Palau took a slim lead at the end of the first period, 17-15, then made it a five-point game at the break, 31-26.

Going into the fourth period, Palau upped the lead to eight, 47-39, and slowly pulled away, as the CNMI went cold on offense. Coach Bill Sewell's wards were held to eight points in the final canto, as no CNMI player drilled more than a field goal in that quarter.

Camacho led the CNMI's losing cause with 13 points and was the only double-figure scorer for the team.

Stephanie Calvo paced Palau with 16 points, while Carissa Trolil chipped in 14. The host got at least five points each from four other players to give Palau balanced scoring for the match.

The CNMI cage belles took a break yesterday and will play Chuuk today at 1pm.

The CNMI Men's Nationals were playing Palau last night and will meet Kosrae today.

Palau 64 – Calvo 14, Trolil 14, Tellei 8, Fritz 7, Ngirausul 6, Ketebebang 5, Willter 4, Ubedei 3, Etpison 2.

CNMI 47 – Camacho 13, Rangamar 9, Pagarao 8, Palero 6, Benevente 6, Diaz 3, Mendoza 3.

Scoring by quarters: 17-15, 31-26, 47-39, 64-47.

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match, 3-0.

Rezne Wong notched the first gold medal for the CNMI Swimming Team when he topped the 200m individual medley with a time of two minutes and 08.72 seconds.

Wong then went on to win five more gold medals, leading the CNMI to first-places finishes in the 200m medley relay and 800m freestyle races.

The 19-year-old swimmer's two other gold medals in individual races came from the 100m butterfly (1:01.48) and 200m breaststroke (2:23.77) events.

Kai Staal claimed two gold medals in individual races (100m backstroke and 200m freestyle) and one silver (200m breaststroke).

Grace Kimball had one gold (200m freestyle), one silver (200m IM) and one bronze (200m medley relay).

Also delivering medals for the CNMI were Kensuke Kimura (two silver and one bronze) and Shin Kimura (silver).

Oshima-Berger added one more gold medal to the CNMI's collection when she ruled the women's 10k run.

The CNMI runner timed in at 46:09.40 in the first event in the athletics competition yesterday morning, beating Guam's Nicole Layson (47:21) and Sheena Subido (54:53).

Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel and Ronald Villafria finished sixth and seventh in the men's division, respectively.

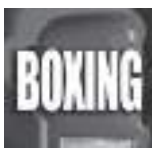
The CNMI had a chance to bring its gold medal total to 11 yesterday, but the Commonwealth's male netters lost to Guam in the finals.

Jeff Race and Todd Montgomery lost their singles matches, giving Guam the outright win.

Meanwhile, the table tennis competition in this year's Micro Games started yesterday at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center in Koror.

Only the team event was played in Day 1 of the competition with the CNMI facing Pohnpei in the morning matches and then Kosrae in the afternoon.

'Manny Pacquiao to fall in late rounds'



Trainer Robert Garcia believes his ward, Antonio Margarito, has all the tools to stop Manny Pacquiao in the later rounds when they clash for the vacant World Boxing Council super welterweight crown on Nov. 13.

"I just know that Antonio will have the heart and the power and the conditioning to be a great champion, and to beat anybody out there," Garcia told Lem Satterfield of BoxingScene.com on Monday.

"But I think that we can get him (Pacquiao) in the later rounds. So I'm going to say that Antonio will stop him in the later rounds."

Garcia, a former International Boxing Federation super featherweight champion who also trains Filipino star Nonito Donaire Jr., said Margarito will begin his 10-week preparation in the first week of September.

Though the super welterweight limit is 154 pounds, Garcia doesn't mind if his fighter battled Pacquiao at a catch weight of 150.

According to Garcia, Margarito was al-



ready within the weight limit two weeks before he fought and beat Mexican Roberto Garcia in his comeback bout on

May 9 in Mexico.

Margarito's license to fight in the United States was suspended for one year after he was found guilty of using hardened hand wraps on Jan. 24, 2009, when he yielded his WBA welterweight title to Shane Mosley.

If Margarito doesn't get clearance to fight in Las Vegas or Texas, the Pacquiao fight may be held in Monterrey, Mexico, with Abu Dhabi another option.

Garcia said he's been watching tapes of Pacquiao's fights and is familiar with Freddie Roach's training style. He said he has a good idea what strategy Pacquiao will use against Margarito.

Meanwhile, unbeaten Mexican WBC silver middleweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. is receptive to the invitation offered him by Roach to be Pacquiao's main sparring partner for the Margarito bout.

"I would be very happy to help," Chavez, who holds a 41-win (30 KOs), 1-draw, 1-no contest record, was quoted in another BoxingScene.com report. "I think it would be a new experience for me." (PDI)

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low 10K participants Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel and Ronald Villafria left Saipan around 2pm Monday and arrived in Guam an hour later. Their original flight schedule from Guam to Palau at 6:30pm was changed to past 9pm due to plane problems and the three CNMI runners finally reached Palau around 1pm.

"When I got here, I had difficulty sleeping. I woke up after every hour and by 4:30am I went to the oval, expecting

that the race will be held there, but it did not," said Oshima-Berger, who was the second oldest participant in the race with Palau's Pasquana Flores the oldest at 51.

But the change in the course in the 6am race was a blessing in disguise for Oshima-Berger, who foiled Guam's bid for a sweep in the 10K runs.

"I am more comfortable running in hills than at the track, where we have to make 25 turns to complete the 10K. I wasn't expecting to finish first as Guam have younger runners and I was still recovering from that flight delay," said Oshima-Berger,

who had to arrive here one day ahead of her original schedule to make it to the 10K.

"Originally, I trained for the 5,000m and didn't know I was competing in 10,000. I was scheduled to fly here Tuesday night," she said.

Oshima-Berger crossed the finished line after teammate Villafria and Kabiriel, who finished sixth and seventh overall after timing in at 43:45 and 44:20, respectively.

Guam's Derek Mandell topped the men's race with a time of 37:48, followed by Rendelius Germinaro (38:30) and teammate Toby Castro (39:39).

Guam settled for the silver and bronze medals in the women's division with Nicole Layson (47:21) and Sheena Subido (54:53) finishing behind Oshima-Berger.

By the time Layson made it to the track oval compound, Oshima-Berger was about 50 meters away from the finish line. Oshima-Berger's time was better than the 2006 Micro Games record of gold medallist Leana Peters (48:46).

Oshima-Berger was scheduled to receive her gold medal late yesterday afternoon when the CNMI was set to compete in 19 events.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	66	39	.629	—
Tampa Bay	66	39	.629	—
Boston	60	46	.566	6 1/2
Toronto	55	51	.519	11 1/2
Baltimore	32	73	.305	34

Central Division

Chicago	59	45	.567	—
Minnesota	59	47	.557	1
Detroit	52	52	.500	7
Cleveland	45	61	.425	15
Kansas City	45	61	.425	15

West Division

Texas	61	44	.581	—
Oakland	53	52	.505	8
Los Angeles	54	53	.505	8
Seattle	39	67	.368	22 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Atlanta	60	45	.571	—
Philadelphia	57	48	.543	3
Florida	53	52	.505	7
New York	53	53	.500	7 1/2

Washington	47	59	.443	13 1/2
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Central Division

Cincinnati	60	47	.561	—
St. Louis	59	47	.557	1/2
Milwaukee	49	58	.458	11
Houston	46	59	.438	13
Chicago	46	60	.434	13 1/2
Pittsburgh	36	69	.343	23

West Division

San Diego	61	42	.592	—
San Francisco	61	45	.575	1 1/2
Colorado	55	50	.524	7
Los Angeles	54	51	.514	8
Arizona	39	67	.368	23 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 0
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Milwaukee 18, Chicago Cubs 1
Houston 9, St. Louis 4
Washington 3, Arizona 1
Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 6
Cleveland 6, Boston 5
Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 2
Oakland 6, Kansas City 0

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea crushes CNMI, 23-0



The U15 CNMI National Soccer Team endured another shutout loss, this time against the offensive juggernaut that is North Korea, which trampled the Commonwealth boys, 23-0, in the continuation of the 2010 East Asian Football Federation Under-15 Boys Tournament Monday at the Leo Palace Resort Field in Yona, Guam.

Four North Korean players—KimHyonSu, KimSangDeok and Kim Kwang Hyan—found the back of the net four times, while Choi Fi Dae and Kim Ki Ju scored three times. Ryang Soc Chu connected twice with Kang Young Chan and Pak Chang Ryo each getting a goal for the debuting North Koreans.

The lopsided loss notwithstanding, CNMI goalie Josiah Orlando still wound up with 13 saves against the very skilled and physical North Korean side.

The loss was the second in as many games by the Commonwealth boys, who were shellacked 14-0 by Chinese-Taipei on opening day last Sunday.

Aside from Orlando, the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The U15 CNMI National Soccer Team take their place in the field after the parade of teams during the opening ceremony of the 2010 East Asian Football Federation Under-15 Boys Tournament last Saturday at the Leo Palace Field in Yona, Guam.

CNMI's under-15 team is also made up of Abraham Tosiwo, Colin Curtis Fruit, Kennedy Izuka, John Raymond Taisacan, Andrew Scott Johnson, Dakota Hall, Jireh Yobech, Michael Barry, Stacy Escueta, Jehn Joyner, Jamal Cabrera, Sean Perez, Hunter Jewell, Kenneth Domingo, Enrico Del

Rosario, Joel Pierce Fruit, and Julian Pellegrino.

In other matches, Guam found the back of the net four times in the second half to rally against Macau, 4-1.

Austin Cruz and T.J. Atalig each scored a goal for the CNMI's southern neighbor, while Christian Schweizer con-

nected twice as Guam leveled its win-loss record to 1-1.

Hong Kong, meanwhile, leaned on two key goals from Tse Long Hin to beat Mongolia, 3-1. Mongolia kept the game close despite the Central Asian country playing a man short most of the second half. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Oche's upsets MBI; Marianas Wireless, Mobil win



Oche's came out of nowhere to surprise erstwhile undefeated MBI-Right Guard, 76-69, as the Emon Lodge 179 Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League resumed Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Seeing action in the fifth game, Oche's trailed early and often before rallying in the final 10 minutes for the win.

MBI got off to a jackrabbit start as center Darwin Barbo scored six points to lead his team to a 22-8 lead after the first quarter.

But swingmen J.R. Barrios and Rolly Paraiso presided over Oche's comeback in the second quarter, firing eight and five points, respectively, as MBI's once 14-point lead was trimmed to 39-32 at the break.

Barrios continued to wax hot in the third period, as Oche's outscored MBI 22-16 to get within a candlestick of the latter's lead, 55-54, heading into the fourth and final quarter.

Oche's then leaned on the late-game heroics of Marlon Sison, as the veteran guard pumped in seven of his total eight points in the payoff period to lead his team to the surprising seven-point victory.

Barrios top-scored for Oche's with 25 markers, while center Edwin Santos and power forward Jhun Abedes added 17 and 10 points, respectively.

MBI, which dropped to 3-1, was paced by the 15 points apiece of roadrunners Noel David and Pando Muleta.



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Wings Travel and Marianas Resort teams, seen here in a file photo, lost against Marianas Wireless and Sparks respectively as the Emon Lodge caging resumed Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, Mobil drew double-figure scoring from seven players en route to a 118-97 thrashing of Joeten Superstore.

Leo Factor led Mobil with 24 points, while Ernie Moises added 22. Kelvin Fitial (19 points), Marvin Rabauliman (16), Anthony Wenceslao (14), Jorge De Guzman (13), and Jhun Estolas (10) also finished in double figures.

Alex Lauron and Teofilo Alfonso scored at will inside, combining for 59 but it wasn't enough to lead Joeten Superstore to victory.

The second and third games

of the Freemasonry caging wound up in forfeits in favor of Armatech and Sparks after Tropical Laundry and Marianas Resort failed to field enough players to start the game.

In the fourth match of the day, Marianas Wireless led wire-to-wire to beat Wings Travel, 81-74.

Big man Kae Bernardo led Marianas Wireless with 24 points, while guard Jhon Pantaleon added 23.

Leo Galarse exploded for 30 points in a losing effort for Wings Travel. Forwards Joy Dayrit and

Manolo Manalo were the only other double-digit scorers for the team with 13 and 10 markers.

First Game

Mobil 118 – Factor 24, Moises 22, Fitial 19, Rabauliman 16, Wenceslao 14, De Guzman 13, Estolas 10.

Joeten Superstore 97 – A. Lauron 33, Alfonso 26, Eugenio 22, R. Lauron 12, Dela Cruz 4.

Scoring by quarters: 31-34, 65-50, 78-76, 118-97.

Second Game

Armatech wins via forfeit against Tropical Laundry

Third Game

Sparks win via forfeit against Marianas Resort

Fourth Game

Marianas Wireless 81 – Bernardo 24, Pantaleon 23, Aquino 8, Tamayo 8, Abuel 7, Jugos 6, Basila 6, Lerio 2.

Wings Travel 74 – Galarse 30, Dayrit 13, Manalo 12, Gamboa 8, Itaas 4, Olivos 4, Abuan 3.

Scoring by quarters: 26-19, 53-34, 63-54, 81-74.

Fifth Game

Oche's 76 – Barrios 25, Santos 17, Abedes 10, Sison 8, Paraiso 6, Mina 4, Olaitaman 3, Tengco 3.

MBI 69 – D. Barbo 17, Devero 15, Muleta 15, Trajano 6, David 5, G. Barbo 5, Yabut 4, Rebuyon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 8-22, 39-32, 54-55, 76-69. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Action heats up as badminton enters third week



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Roger Vales and Dick Guinto, left, pose with Ferdie Arago and Jojo Savellano following the former's 18-21, 21-17, 21-9 win in last Friday's Tan Holdings Doubles Badminton Competition 2010.

The Tan Holdings Doubles Badminton Competition 2010 entered its third week of action last Friday with 14 matches played at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

In the men's doubles A division, Rey Bulaon and Hapi Gabriel kept pace with the leaders following a hard-fought 23-20, 22-20 victory over Macoi Aguda and Saul Gargallo.

The win was the fourth in five games for Bulaon and Gabriel, while the loss was the third in four starts by Aguda and Gargallo.

In an earlier match, Aguda and Gargallo notched their first win of the tourney after beating Ferdie Arago and Edwin Montoya, 18-21, 21-11, 21-17. The loss dropped Arago and Montoya to 1-3.

Roger Vales and Dick Guinto, meanwhile, improved their record to 3-2 in the men's doubles AB after upending Arago and Jojo Savellano, 18-21, 21-17, 21-9. The latter dropped to 2-2.

Montoya then teamed up with namesake Edwin Maratas to take down Jerry Hibi and Aries Cordero, 21-14, 21-16, which was their third win in five contests in the category.

Hibi and Cordero bounced right back and went on to beat Robert Reyes and Victor Regis in three sets, 21-16, 20-22, 21-18, to level their record at 2-2. The Reyes-Regis tandem re-

mained winless in four games.

In the men's doubles B, the father-and-son tandem of Puy and Ezekiel Macario won via default against Alvin Alvarez and Chris Hilario.

The undefeated pair of Hannah Choi and Gigi Zapanta scored their fourth straight win in women's doubles B division after throttling winless Marlyn Montano and Jaja Samonte, 21-8, 21-3.

Angie Ito then got the better of her mother Loida as she teamed up with Shirley Kim to beat Loida and Elma Labuson, 21-15, 21-15.

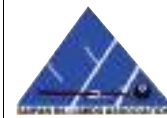
Over in the women's doubles BC, Choi and partner So Young Lee raced to a perfect 5-0 following their 21-15, 21-8 victory over Malou Malasarte and Elna Curate, which dropped to 3-2.

Loida Ito then teamed up with Kim Boh Ranah to defeat Emily Vargas and Ruby Gozon, 21-10, 21-23, 21-15. Both teams now sport identical 1-4 records.

In the women's doubles C, Annette Quiambao and Heo In Sok momentarily tied Curate and Merlie Tolentino in the team standings following their 21-18, 21-9 triumph against the latter.

Tolentino and Curate, however, recovered quickly and raised their record to 3-1 after their 21-14, 21-15 win over Kim and Jennine Savellano. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Team billiards awards banquet this Sunday



The awards ceremony for the Saipan Billiards Association's Open 8-Ball League will be held this Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

Champions of the regular season of the open 8-ball league in the Agingan and Obyan divisions will be feted during the ceremony.

Winners of the mini tournament—Budweiser Cup—in both categories will also be awarded their hardware Sunday starting at 11:30am.

NTT Docomo Hustlers won the Budweiser Cup championship in the Agingan division after nipping Team Huwa, 4-3, at The

Pirates Bar last week.

The team is made up of Senen Pangliman, Erwin, Jerry Soriano, Boyet Sequioco, Joey Lucido, and Robert Sanciango.

In the Obyan division, Team Pirates raised their own Budweiser Cup championship after a 4-2 victory over USSP Fotten Palau at the USS Peleliu Club.

Rodney Aldan, Edward Suzuki, Bert Rufugui, Dave Maratita, Patrick Cepeda, James Reyes, and Jack Cepeda make up the players of Team Pirates.

For more information about Saipan Billiards Association's Open 8-Ball League and Budweiser Cup awards ceremony, call league acting secretary Warlee Ellama at 233-4397. *(Saipan Tribune)*



Swimmers deliver 8 gold medals for CNMI

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MEYUNS, Palau — CNMI swimmers dominated the competition at the Palau National Swimming Pool Monday night to give the Commonwealth the lead in the overall medal standings in 7th Micronesian Games.

The Commonwealth swimmers hauled eight gold medals, five silver, and two bronze in Day 1 of the swimming competition, bringing the CNMI's total to 10 gold, six silver, and two bronze.



The CNMI won its first gold medal courtesy of the women's tennis team last Monday, while runner Mamiko Oshima-Berger gave the Commonwealth its 10th gold medal after topping the women's 10,000m run yesterday morning.

Tennis delivered another medal for the CNMI when Jeff Race, Todd Montgomery, Peter Loyola, and Bobby Cruz won the silver in the men's team event. The CNMI bowed to Guam in the gold medal

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Rezne Wong, top, and Grace Kimball in action respectively in the 200m individual medley and 200m freestyle event during Day 1 of the swimming competition in the 7th Micronesian Games at the Palau National Swimming Pool in Meyuns.

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Mamiko cruises way to gold in 10K

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KOROR, Palau—Runner Mamiko Oshima-Berger arrived here around 1am Tuesday and about six hours later won her first gold medal in the 7th Micronesian Games.

Oshima-Berger ruled the women's 10,000m run to give the CNMI its first gold medal in the athletics competition, which started yesterday at the Palau National Track and Field here.

The 41-year-old CNMI runner completed the up and downhill race in 46 minutes and 9.40 seconds to finish first in the women's division and eighth overall among 16 runners.

The 10K race course started at the track oval before participants headed out to the main road, turned right to Meyuns and then climbed the crooked road leading to the Palau Pacific Resort. From the turning point near PPR, runners headed downhill then back to the oval where they ran one lap.

Oshima-Berger was clueless about the course as she arrived here early yesterday morning after his connecting flight from Guam to the Palau was delayed.

Oshima-Berger and fellow CNMI athletes will compete in the 10K race on Wednesday. See **MAMIKO** on Page 26



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Mamiko Oshima-Berger nears the finish line of the 10,000m run yesterday during the start of the athletics competition in the 7th Micronesian Games at the Palau National Track and Field in Koror.



Male netters settle for silver

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KOROR, Palau—The CNMI faltered in its bid to sweep the team tennis event in the 7th Micronesian Games here after the Commonwealth's male netters lost to Guam yesterday, 0-3.

Jeff Race played against Wendell Roden in the first singles match of the day at the Palau Pacific Resort Tennis Court and lost in straight sets. Official scores were unavailable at press time, but Race battled Roden neck-and-neck in the opening set before losing in the tiebreak.

In the second singles game, Todd Montgomery bowed to Guam No. 1 player Justin Dugan in three sets, but scores were unavailable at press time.

With Guam holding a 2-0 record in the gold medal duel, the CNMI decided not to play the doubles event to save energy for

The CNMI's Jeff Race prepares to serve against Guam's Wendell Roden during their gold medal game in the team event of the tennis competition in the 7th Micronesian Games yesterday at the Palau Pacific Resort in Koror.

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the succeeding games.

After the morning matches in the men's team event, organizers played the men's and women's singles in the afternoon.

The CNMI is the defending champion both in the men's and women's singles with Kana Aikawa winning against Guam's Michelle Pang in the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan and Montgomery prevailing over teammate Tim Quan.

Quan did not join the CNMI tennis team this time and the Commonwealth had Micro Games first-timers Bobby Cruz and Peter Loyola teaming up with Race and Montgomery.

In the women's division, Aikawa is joining forces with Micro Games returnee Mayuko Arriola and newcomers Lydia Tan and Jodel Fernandez.

Arriola and Aikawa will be the teaming up in the doubles event and are favored against the doubles team of Guam, Palau, and Pohnpei.

In the men's division, Race and Montgomery are partners, while Loyola will play together with Cruz. All four CNMI male netters are entered in the singles event.

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Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
CNMI	10	6	2	18
Pohnpei	4	0	3	7
Palau	2	3	8	13
Marshall	1	5	3	9
Guam	2	3	1	6
Kosrae	0	0	1	1
Yap	0	0	0	0
Chuuk	0	0	0	0

As of 5pm Aug. 3, Palau time.



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